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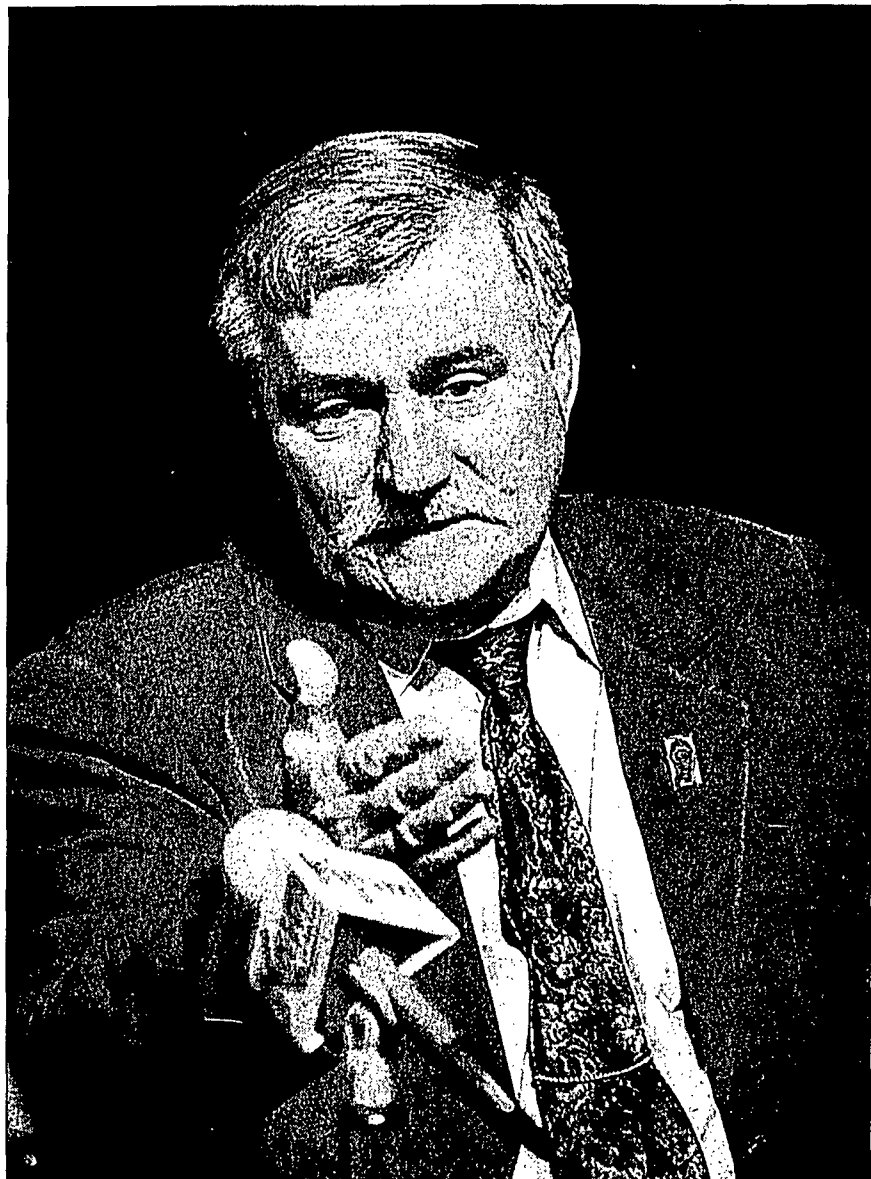
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## Former president will run again



Former Poland president Lech Walesa, the man responsible for Poland's independence, spoke Wednesday as a part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at Northwest. Walesa said he hopes to run for president in the 2000 election if his country's situation does not improve.

By LAURA PRICHARD  
FEATURES EDITOR

Although the former president of Poland, Lech Walesa's term ended in 1995, he announced his intentions to run for president in the 2000 election if the country as it stands does not improve.

"You ask me today, and today I say yes, I am going to run for president of my Polish republic, only because I disapprove of the way the country is being run now," Walesa said. "I believe I could do better."

His determination to end communism in Poland took him from the shipyards of Gdansk to the government halls of Warsaw.

Walesa, the man responsible for Poland's independence who later became the first democratically-elected president of Poland, spoke Wednesday as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at Northwest.

Walesa shared his experience of making a communist country democratic and encouraged today's generation to take an active role in the promotion of democracy for the world.

"I imagined once communism was over that we would have a happy world," Walesa said. "As it turned out, it wasn't true. And in fact your generation is faced with greater problems than we were. That's why I went traveling around the world. I speak about the past but also appeal to young people saying we should try to implement better solutions, better principles for the future."

Walesa asked his audience to write a world constitution using the United Nations as the world's government, NATO as the secretary for defense, and implementing a security council of the world government.

"If the superpowers do not come out with this constitution, nobody else will," Walesa said. "Hence I turn myself to young people to be more active. The first constitution in human history was written here in the United States. Poland wrote the second constitution. Therefore, we now want you to come up with, depending how you count it, the third or the second constitution."

Walesa's cause began in 1980 when he led the "Solidarity" movement. Solidarity was an organization promoting freedom from communism in Poland. The movement culminated in the Lenin Shipyard strike, which threatened the communist government.

"The colonist system lacked honesty and this lack of honesty, agitated me," Walesa said. "Our colonies would sometimes claim black is white and vice versa where as I would not accept it, and that's how I got involved gradually, step by step in the struggle. It isn't my intention to become a politician or an activist; had I wanted to be one I would have educated myself better."

Walesa tried to negotiate with the government, but when negotiations failed in 1981, he was arrested with thousands of other Solidarity members.

After his release in November 1982, Solidarity survived as an underground organization. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1983 for his leadership.

On Dec. 9, 1990, Walesa was elected the first democratic president of Poland. During his term, he firmly planted democracy into the Polish government, where democracy still rules today. His term ended in 1995 after he was defeated.

## Hubbard introduces honorary degrees

By JOSH FLAHARTY  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Northwest President Dean Hubbard presented his proposal for an honorary degree program to Faculty Senate at its meeting Wednesday.

The degrees would be awarded to commencement speakers in order to get more prominent speakers to attend.

Hubbard's proposal contained five degrees: a Doctor of Human Letters, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Pedagogy and Doctor of Science.

He said the list was not mandatory and could be cut from or added to.

"We have alumni, graduates of this institution, who have distinguished themselves in a number of fields," Hubbard said in his proposal to the Senate.

The Senate was also updated on the Missouri Academy, which will become part of the Northwest community next fall.

High school juniors and seniors will live in Cooper Hall on campus and attend regular college-level courses with current Northwest students. They will be earning a high school diploma from the University at the same time they are earning college credit for their coursework.

The Academy was modeled after a similar one in Texas, which sent 14 students on to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last year alone.

Faculty Senate President Al Sergel briefed other members on the Coordinating Board of Higher Education's work to tighten regulations regarding dual enrollment credit. High school students who wish to take part in the program would have to meet the same requirements as incoming freshmen to be admitted to the program.

The Coordinating Board is also working on creating a list of institutions which meet the set standards. State colleges and universities would not have to accept dual enrollment credits from schools which do not meet the standards.

"Northwest has actually lost some enrollment to institutions who don't want to meet these standards," Sergel said.

A proposal by the State General Education Steering Committee to create a standard 45 credit hour general education program, to ease the transferability of credit hours between institutions, was also discussed at the meeting.

However, areas from Northwest's current general education component are missing from the Steering Committee's proposal.

One such area is the wellness component which currently requires four credit hours, including Lifetime Wellness, Lifetime Wellness Lab and an activity course.

"Personally, and professionally, I feel that by not including a wellness component, they are neglecting the development of the whole person," said Janet Reusser, Faculty Senate member from the health, physical education, recreation and dance department. "I think it is a real disservice to the student."

## Car accident kills 1 student, injures 2

By JOSH FLAHARTY  
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Funeral services for a Northwest student who was killed in a traffic accident Sunday night were held in Mexico, Mo., Wednesday.

The accident occurred at about 7:45 p.m. as Marshall Harper, education social science major, was attempting to exit the parking lot of the Mary Mart Shopping Center, across from Wal-Mart.

The car was hit by a semi tractor/trailer driven by James Rose, Altoona, Iowa, and spun around before stopping on the opposite side of Main Street.

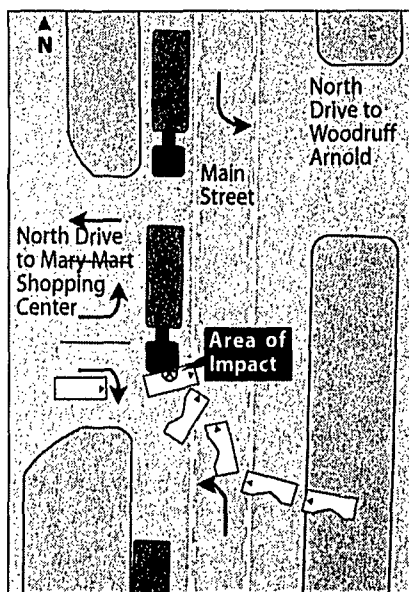
Two more Northwest students, Wendy Kay, broadcasting major, and Cynthia Poindexter, undecided major, were in the vehicle with Harper at the time of the accident. Both passengers were treated at St. Francis Hospital and released.

Harper was pronounced dead at the St. Francis Emergency Room.

According to Maryville Public Safety reports, Harper was attempting to turn into the northbound lane of South Main Street. Rose's semi hit the car on the driver's side.

Both Kay and Poindexter reported they had warned Harper about the semi and he accelerated to try and get past it into the northbound traffic.

Rose told Public Safety, Harper's vehicle had "jumped into the southbound traffic as if to beat the oncoming northbound traffic."



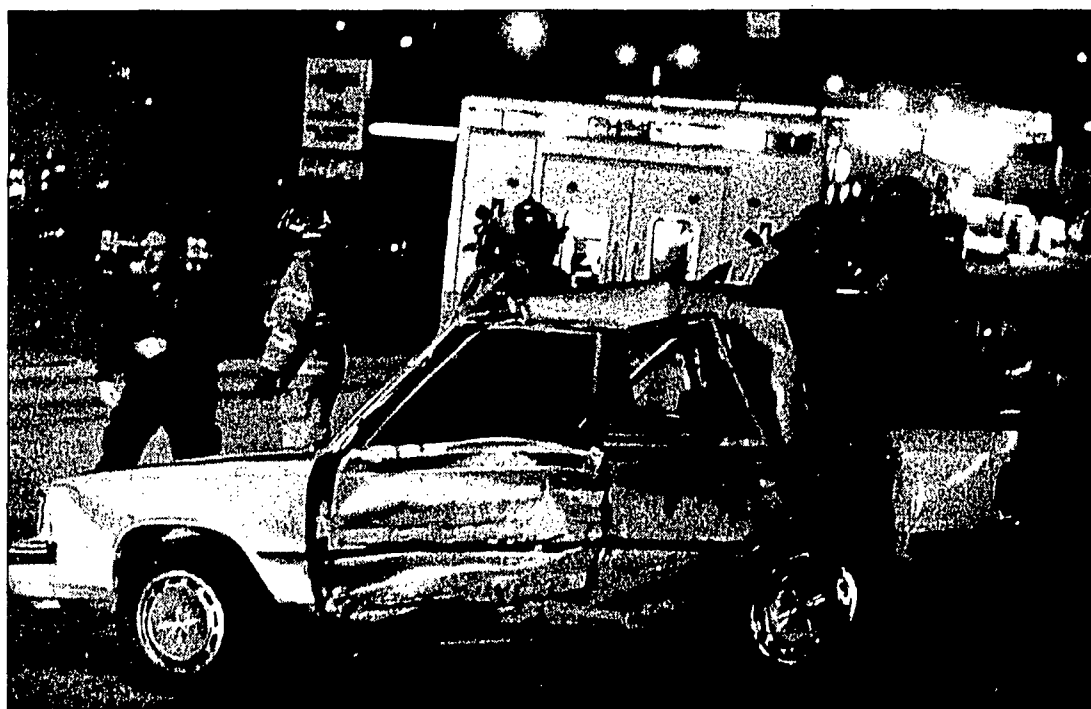
ing northbound traffic."

Flags flew at half-staff on campus Wednesday in honor of Harper.

Kent Porterfield, vice president of student affairs, said Student Senate will be working with the family to coordinate a bell ringing.

Student Senate President Laurie Zimmerman said she will wait until next week to contact Harper's parents.

"I have yet to contact them," she said. "The date (for the ringing) will depend on what is available for them."



MIKE RANDELL/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Members of Maryville Public Safety work to help the victims of a fatal car wreck involving a tractor trailer Sunday night. Northwest education social science major Marshall Harper, the driver of the car, was pronounced dead at St. Francis Hospital. Passengers Wendy Kay, broadcasting major, and Cynthia Poindexter, undecided major, were treated and released. According to the Maryville Public Safety report, Harper was attempting to turn into the northbound lane of South Main Street from the Mary Mart Shopping Center drive (see map). The semi, driven by James Rose, Altoona, Iowa, hit the driver's side of the car, causing the car to spin around before stopping on the opposite side of South Main Street. Flags flew at half-staff on campus Wednesday in memory of Harper. University officials are working with Harper's family to arrange a bell ringing. Funeral services were Wednesday night in Mexico, Mo.

## Phi Sigs charged for contributing alcohol to minors at fraternity party

By BURTON TAYLOR  
MANAGING EDITOR

### Probation status

- Each member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity must attend 20 hours of alcohol education courses
- The fraternity was charged \$500
- The fraternity will be on probation for one year

Because of an investigation into the alcohol-related death of a fraternity brother, the members of Phi Sigma Kappa must attend 20 hours of alcohol education courses.

The fraternity was charged with two counts of contributing to a minor following the accident and death of their fraternity brother, Northwest freshman Kevin Bayer, last spring.

Bayer died when he chose to drive home from a Phi Sig party after drinking.

The accident sparked the interests of the Maryville Public Safety, who decided to investigate the incident.

Justin Engelhardt, Phi Sig president, appeared in court, representing his fraternity on Aug. 31, at which time he entered a plea of no contest to both charges. Prosecuting Attorney Patrick

McLaughlin said.

Engelhardt chose not to comment and said the other members of his fraternity would not comment either.

McLaughlin submitted recommendations to the judge the fraternity be fined \$500 for each charge.

The judge decided to fine the fraternity \$500, but suspended the second \$500 fine. Instead, in addition to the alcohol education, he implemented a one-year probationary sentence on the fraternity.

"Under the circumstances, the importance of the education is beneficial," McLaughlin said. "Also the fines are in line with supplying intoxicants (to minors)."

Keith Wood, director of Public Safety, said although the fraternity is paying the consequences of the violation of law, he is sorry events turned out this way.

## It's 'showtime' for MHS Spoofhounds

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

This is one of the biggest weeks for the Maryville High School with it showing the community what it has for "Showtime in 99."

With every year, there are many activities being held this week for the high school, one of those being the highly anticipated dress up days.

"Seeing the students dress up is always a good laugh for everybody, and it is something the students really seem to enjoy," MHS assistant principal Mike Jordan said.

The dress up days went as followed: Monday was Hawaiian day, Tuesday was clean out your closet day, Wednesday was Halloween day, Thursday was nerd day and Friday was the traditional green and gold day.

Besides dressing up for Homecoming, each grade is assigned to decorate a different part of the school.

"I have been decorating signs for the football players for the past month now and it gets more exciting as time approaches," senior Homecoming attendant Rachael Espey said.

The main events of Homecoming will begin Thursday night after the MHS girls' volleyball game. The school will hold its annual community pep rally at Hellig Myers, Jordan said.

Friday will be the MHS pep assembly during seventh hour. Games included for the event is the three legged race, the chubby bunny marshmallow game, the swing dance, fins and goggles and tug-o-war.

"The pep assembly is a great time for everybody to have fun with and enjoy things before the game," senior homecoming attendant Pat Jordan said.

The coronation of king queen will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the MHS stadium before the football game.

"It feels good to be an attendant and to know of the support you have from the rest of the student body," Jordan said.

Knowing her mother was also a nominee for homecoming queen really intrigues Espey about what will happen at coronation.

"Being a queen attendant is a great honor and something I really am proud of," she said. "My mom was an attendant 25 years ago this year, and she won, so this is really exciting for me."

The following students will represent the senior class as attendants for this year's coronation, Jennifer Barnmann, Espey, Jessica Gage, Ashley Hansen, Jennifer Ury, Jason Cracraft, Justin DeShon, Jordan, Dan McKim and Heath Reynolds.

The Homecoming dance will follow the game.

# Review & Preview

## THURSDAY

- Mid-term examinations
- CLEP, GED and MAT tests
- Chamber agriculture committee
- 11 a.m. at the Chamber conference room
- Legislative action seminar
- Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark
- Alcoholic's Anonymous
- Noon at the Wesley Center
- Northwest soccer
- 3 p.m. at home vs. Graceland College
- MHS boys' soccer
- 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Maur Hill
- MHS volleyball
- 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at home vs. Benton High School
- Royalty voting

## MONDAY

- Columbus Day observed
- Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
- Earth science week
- Second block begins
- National Coming Out Day
- Chamber Ambassadors
- Chamber Conference Room
- Catered by Aloha Cafe, \$5
- RSVP by noon Oct. 8
- Alcoholic's Anonymous
- Noon at the Wesley Center
- Overeater's Anonymous
- 6 p.m. at St. Francis Hospital, northwest door
- Royalty voting

## NORTHWEST

### 5 members of rodeo team travel to Kansas

Five members of the Northwest rodeo team will travel nearly 400 miles to compete in the Pratte Community College Rodeo Friday through Sunday in Pratte, Kan.

Will Drury, Travis Garey and Kim Maxwell will participate in team roping competition. Maxwell along with Megan Bledsoe and Farrah Lutz will compete in the breakaway roping event.

The five will take on competition from 20 regional schools including several from Oklahoma and Kansas.

Individuals perform against 40 to 50 competitors in their events in hopes of receiving prize money, which comes from the entry fees they pay to compete. The top six competitors in each round for each event are typically awarded the prize money.

The University supplies only \$5,000 to the team to be used for all 10 rodeos Northwest participates in, so members of the rodeo team have to pay much of their own entry fees and travel expenses.

At each rodeo, individuals receive scores for their performances, which are added together for the team score. Regional rankings are given at the end of the season based on cumulative team scores.

Duane Jewell, Northwest rodeo team sponsor, said the team hopes to finish in the top half of the region.

## FRIDAY

- MHS Homecoming
- First block ends
- Mid-term examinations
- Northwest rodeo team
- Pratte Community College, Pratte, Kan.
- Chamber home and garden committee
- 8 a.m. at the Chamber conference room
- MHS girls golf
- 9 a.m. at St. Joseph; districts
- Northwest volleyball
- 7 p.m. at Bearcat Arena vs. Missouri Southern State College
- MHS football
- 7 p.m. at home vs. St. Pius X
- Narcotic's Anonymous
- 6 p.m. at the Agape House, First United Methodist Church
- Royalty voting

## TUESDAY

- Columbus Day
- Earth science week
- Last date to add/enroll in second block course
- Fall career day
- Matthew Shepard's Memorial Day campus recognition
- Chamber of Commerce breakfast
- 7 a.m. at Cardinal Inn, \$4.50
- RSVP by noon Oct. 11 at 582-8643
- MHS girls golf
- 9 a.m. at St. Joseph
- MHS boys' soccer
- 4:30 p.m. at home vs. Platte County High School
- MHS volleyball
- 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at Savannah High School
- Royalty voting

## SATURDAY

- Northwest cross country
- All Missouri Border State Championships, St. Louis
- MHS girls tennis
- 9 a.m. at Noyes, districts
- Northwest rodeo team
- Pratte Community College, Pratte, Kan.
- MHS volleyball tournament
- 8 a.m. at MHS and Bearcat Arena
- Overeater's Anonymous
- 9 a.m. at St. Francis Hospital
- Northwest volleyball
- 1 p.m. at Bearcat Arena
- Northwest soccer
- 1 p.m. at Missouri Southern State College, Joplin
- Northwest football
- 6 p.m. at Missouri Western State College, St. Joseph
- Royalty voting

## WEDNESDAY

- Earth science week
- Last date to drop a second block course to receive a refund
- Legislative action seminar
- Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark
- Clinton Allen Monuments ribbon cutting
- 10 a.m.
- Northwest volleyball
- 7 p.m. at Bearcat Arena vs. Emporia State University
- Alcoholic's Anonymous
- 6 p.m. at Margaret Davidson Square
- Homecoming Variety Show
- 7 p.m. at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

## SUNDAY

- Earth science week begins
- Northwest rodeo team
- Pratte Community College, Pratte, Kan.
- Northwest soccer
- 1 p.m. at the University of Missouri-Rolla
- Northwest wind symphony and jazz ensemble concert
- 3 p.m. at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center
- Royalty voting

## MARYVILLE

### Auction, bull ride to be held for benefit

A benefit bull ride and auction for Brett Warner will be held Nov. 6 at the Hickory Hills Arena in Bethany at 6 p.m.

Warner was paralyzed at the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo in September.

Duane Spa, Nashville, will perform bull-riding and an auction to help raise funds for Warner's medical expenses.

For more information contact Brian or Ammie Taff at 660-425-3298.

### Local church to play host to Belarus choir

The Belarus National choir will present a concert on Oct. 31 during the 10:45 a.m. service at the First Baptist Church in Maryville.

The 34-member choir is sponsored by Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. Maryville is one of the stops on a four-week tour of Tennessee and Missouri.

The choir's mission is to raise funds to buy homes in Belarus for use as churches and homes.

The First Baptist Church currently sponsors a church in Belarus.

The tour is funded by contributions, and the balance left over goes for the new churches in Belarus.

### Humane Society show will showcase dogs

The Nodaway Humane Society of Maryville will hold its annual Doggie Derby Sunday at the Maryville Airport community building, west of Maryville on Highway 46.

The event will showcase both mixed and pure breed dogs, with special categories for best costume and best trick. The show will be much like a pure breed dog show; however, all participants will receive prizes.

According to Chanda Funston, coordinator of the Doggie Derby, the show is designed to provide an opportunity for all dog owners to show off their family pet. Funston especially encourages those who have adopted a dog from the animal shelter to bring their dog to the show.

Registration will be at 1 p.m. followed by the show at 2 p.m. There is a \$3 registration fee to benefit the Humane Society's Animal Welfare Program; however, there is not a fee for spectators.

The Doggie Derby is just one of the projects of the New Nodaway Humane Society which operates the animal shelter located on Highway 136 east of Maryville. Shelter hours are 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m. each weekday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

### Society to sponsor MS information day

The St. Joseph branch of the Mid America Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will hold its annual MS Information Day Oct. 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Riverbend Auditorium on the fifth floor annex at the Heartland Regional Medical Center-West.

Dr. Norman Baade Jr., D.O. of the Pain Management Center in St. Joseph will address the various forms of pain management available for those experiencing pain with MS. Also on the agenda is Vin Tormo, RPh of Athena Rx Home Pharmacy of Chicago, who will speak on "Medication Management in MS," addressing the various medications that may be prescribed for a person with MS.

MS Information Day is a free program for the public that will also offer information about drugs that slow the progression of MS and alternative therapies.

The facility is handicap accessible, with assistance available upon request. To register for the program or for more information call (816) 271-7560 or 800-745-6148.

### Nagel appeal denied at Appeals meeting

The Maryville Board of Code Appeals met on Sept. 30 to discuss the appeal of Robert and Eugenia Nagel in the July demolition of a building she owned.

The Nagels claim the city demolished their building without their consent, and that it was repairable.

The Board voted unanimously to deny the Nagels' appeal.

### Country music band scheduled to perform

Northwest will play host to country music duo The Warren Brothers at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The Warren Brothers are known as one of Nashville's hottest live acts. The group's debut album, "Beautiful Day in the Cold," which was released last fall, already has critics calling the band "one of the freshest, most exciting acts to hit Nashville in years."

While the Brothers write all their own material, their influences include Willie Nelson and Johnny Cash.

However, lead singer Brett Warren says, "If I had to describe it, I would say our music is rooted in pure harmonies of the Everly Brothers, the story-telling magic of Johnny Cash and Roger Miller, and the heartland soul of John Mellencamp and Tom Petty."

Tickets range from \$5 to \$8 and are on sale now at the Student Services Desk.

### Career Day plays host to job representatives

Northwest's 1999 Fall Career Day will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 12 in Bearcat Arena. More than 100 companies are expected to attend.

All students are invited to attend, but should dress professionally and bring copies of their résumé to distribute to companies and potential employers.

Representatives from various

businesses, corporations, government agencies and graduate schools will be on hand to answer questions about summer and part-time employment and internships.

Joan Ensminger, director of Career Services, said students should not discount any possible jobs.

Representatives will be present from Energizer, the Federal Reserve Bank, Frito-Lay, the Missouri State Auditor, Sprint, the Walt Disney World College Program and Worlds of Fun. Many businesses are looking for interns as well as potential full-time employees.

### Local club to sponsor annual hobby show

The Maryville Business and Professional Women's Club will play host to its 40th annual hobby and craft show, starting at 10 a.m. Oct. 24, at Lamkin Activity Center. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for children and free for children three and under.

The show is part of Business and Professional Women's Week which starts with a church service at Laura Street Baptist Church on Oct. 17 followed by a lunch at the Mandarin Chinese Restaurant at 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 18.

There will be a local meeting at the Cardinal Inn 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Heartland Food Share at 901 N. Main St. from 6:45 to 8 a.m. and a garage sale at 1222 E. Third St. from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be Saturday's activities.

For a complete listing of the week activities, call 582-8432.

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# Views & Opinions

## OUR VIEW

### Too little, too late?

*Campus, community police need to be proactive in preventing alcohol-related accidents, deaths*

The investigation of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity and freshman Kevin Bayer's death has opened the eyes of many people in the Maryville and campus communities.

The discussions of who, what, when, where, why and how, concerning the alcohol-related accident, have nearly been exhausted. However, there is one question that has been left unanswered. Why did it have to come to this?

The investigation of the fraternity was definitely warranted, but couldn't it have been conducted before the death of a Northwest student?

Alcohol-related accidents are nothing to take lightly and should, at all costs, be prevented.

It is understood that Kevin's life cannot be brought back however, *The Missourian* believes that preventative changes should be made mainly on the part of Maryville Public Safety and Northwest Campus Safety.

Investigate before the accident happens and make an attempt to save a life before we lose another.

*The Missourian* recommends this be done by monitoring social functions and deeply investigating more minor in possession and driving while intoxicated charges in aim to see if the event could have been prevented.

We at *The Missourian* are in agreement with the majority of students who don't like the idea of Public Safety monitoring the bars or parties, but, at the same time, it is better than the alternative — unnecessary deaths.

Also we suggest Campus Safety play a more proactive role in "risk management." This could be done by not only increasing patrols of campus on weekends but fraternity houses as well. The justification being the University sponsors the organization, they have a responsibility to make sure they are conducting themselves appropriately.

Another way the University could help the cause is by requiring the members of its organizations attend an annual "risk management" seminar. This would guarantee students are informed of the proper prevention techniques related to alcohol-related accidents.

Fraternities and other organizations on campus may conclude that they follow all of the appropriate "risk management" policies, but how can a person be sure unless it is proven?

The only intent of *The Missourian* is ensure that action is being taken to keep every campus and community member in Maryville safe and out of harm's way.

## MY VIEW

### Grandfather coached life lessons to everyone

My grandfather coached the 1973 cross country MIAA champions. He coached the Cameron High School football team to 38-consecutive wins, a record which still stands. When he took over coaching cross country at Northwest, one of his runners was given All-American status, twice. He was a good coach.

But there was more to him than that. He grew tomatoes in his garden and shared them with everyone in the neighborhood. He raised four children who went on to raise their own. He braved the dangers of hauling four spoiled grandchildren across the United States for summer vacation not once, but twice.

He ignored his better judgment and taught this grandchild how to drive an enormous red Chevrolet through the parking lot in front of Phillips Hall. He even square danced.

He enjoyed 50 years of marriage, almost 51, and although they weren't all perfect, when it came down to it, there were more good than bad. I think that was his greatest record.

In May, doctors found a tumor near his brain stem. It was taking over his body, making him forget the words he would use to fill in crossword puzzles, making it harder for him to walk. Eventually, it would make him forget how to breathe. They gave him six months.

He took it in stride, though. I



JON BAKER

think he was using some of the wisdom he shared with all of his runners. He knew that it didn't matter if you won, as long as you finished the race well. He remained a dignified gentleman to the end, still trying to get up and see guests to the door when he could no longer walk. When he did something embarrassing, he would just shake it off, and move on. He died well, even if it wasn't an easy death.

I guess that's what I've learned from him. It doesn't really matter if you were a good coach, if you had great scores and fast runs. What matters is that, in the end, it was more good than bad, and people were grateful for having known you. If you've achieved that, you've done all right.

Grandpa, you did all right.

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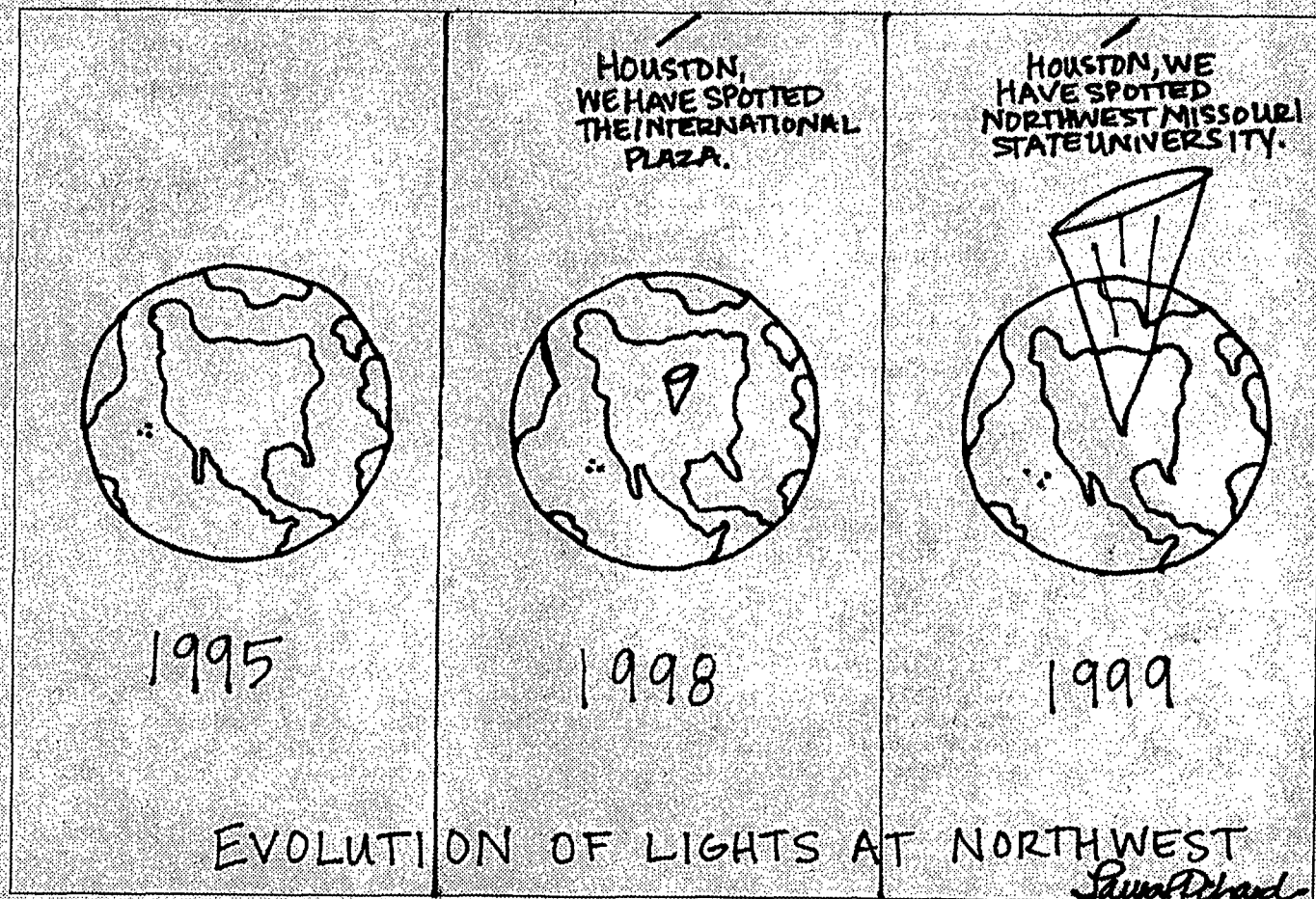
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## MY VIEW

### Sweethearts help out Northwest football team

What is a Bearcat Sweetheart? From experience, I have become aware of the fact that the majority of people have not heard of Bearcat Sweethearts, and, if they have, they are not aware of what we are. As a proud member, I would like to inform you and clear up the common misconceptions about our organization.

As a Bearcat Sweetheart, I hear jokes about our organization, and I am tired of it. People sarcastically make fun of us because of our name. They assume we are either the football players' girlfriends, or it is our purpose to be; that is far from our goal as an organization. The general public is not aware of all the work we do on a weekly basis to support the Bearcats, and I think it is about time they were.

First of all, I would like to express we were founded for a reason and a purpose by a former Northwest faculty member. It was not just a bunch of girls looking for an excuse to meet football players.

Bearcat Sweetheart Football Ambassadors were founded in 1986 by former head football coach Bud Elliott to assist the coaching staff with recruiting. Our purpose was, and still is, to be actively involved in the recruitment process by playing host to prospective players during game days in the fall and recruiting weekends held September to March.

Prior to kickoff of each home game this year, Coach Mel Tjeerdsma has us meet prospective players and their families to give them facility tours of Lamkin Activity Center and answer questions about our football program or Northwest.

You are probably thinking that is what Student Ambassadors are for; while this is true, we serve a different purpose. Unlike Student Ambassadors, we are trained to give tours of Lamkin and answer questions about the football program. Upon request, we offer campus tours as well.

The second purpose of our organization is to provide correspondence with the families of each Bearcat football player. We write letters to the players' parents on a weekly basis to keep them informed about football related activities



JAMASA KRAMER

throughout the season. Each girl in Sweethearts is responsible for two to three players per season, and it is her responsibility to write her players' parents once a week. In her letters, she is to include information about the games, celebration activities and game clippings from local newspapers.

This may seem odd to the average reader, but from past experience, I have learned the parents really appreciate our letters, especially those living far away. Not all of the parents are able to travel to all of the games or obtain copies of our local papers.

We also support the team through various spirit activities. For home games we decorate the locker room and stadium, set up and work tailgate celebrations, clean up after postgame celebration and sell fundraising items for the team during the games. When the team is on the road, we meet the bus before it leaves to give the players treat bags to take on their trip.

Our organization is made up of 39 girls, who each week dedicate their time and energy to support the football team. Our Saturdays, for home games, start at 8:30 a.m. and end around 7 p.m.

We put in long hours for no money and little recognition, so why do we do it? We do it simply because we love what we do, for true love of the game of Bearcat football.

So the next time you hear our name or think about us, please think about all the hard work we do. I am not asking for praise or glory, just understanding and awareness.

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## YOUR VIEW

*Do you think the quality of Maryville's water is worth the price you pay?*



"No, they need to invest in high-tech filtration systems or have us not pay for it."

CRAIG PIBURN,  
ART MAJOR



"I like the fountain water because it's a lot like, but not as good as, home."

MITCH HISER,  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJOR



"No, because it tastes too much like chlorine. It smells, too."

ALISA SCHIEBER,  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MAJOR



"Maryville water quality is fine for the price I pay — \$5 and \$6 a month."

HARRY GLASS,  
MARYVILLE RESIDENT



"It's completely undrinkable. I pay too much for my water because my toilet runs."

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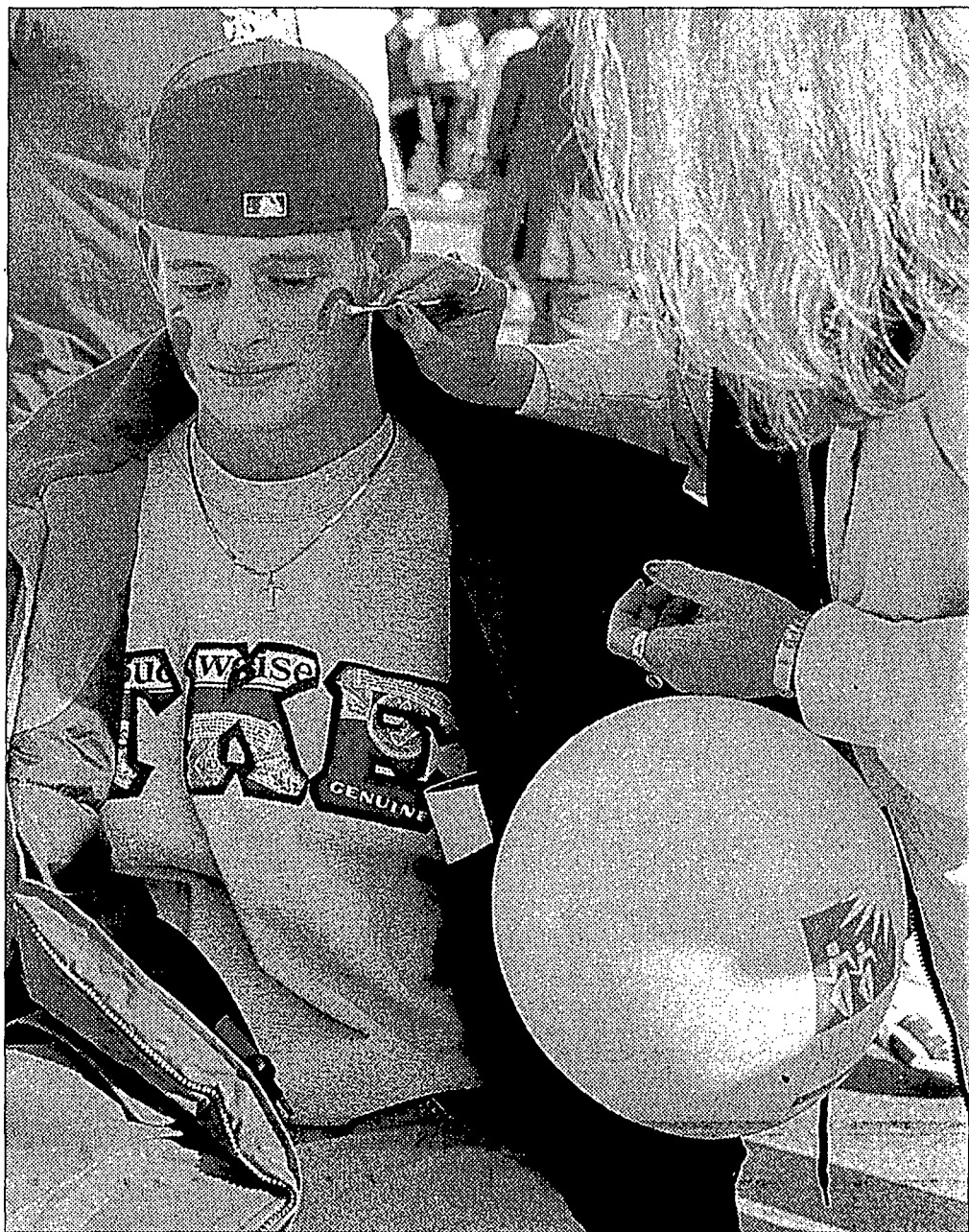
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After 39 years in Maryville, a former Northwest coach said his final goodbye.

Earl Baker, affectionately called Doc, died of a brain tumor Thursday in his home.

His widow Betty said Maryville played a large role in his life.

"This is home," Betty said. "He wouldn't want to go anywhere else. We came up here in 1960. Since then, Maryville's been home and it meant quite a bit to him."

Baker was born in Saline County near Marshall, but lived in Maryville for 39 of his 74 years. From 1960 until 1987, Baker was a part of the Northwest community as well, acting as coach for several teams in addition to teaching physical education.

He served as head football coach for the Bearcats from 1960 to 1962, and assistant coach, re-

sponsible for the defensive line, through 1969. Baker was the head track and field coach from 1962 to 1973, and led the cross country team to its only MIAA Championship title during the 1973 season.

Baker, who refereed all over northwest Missouri, also impacted lives in Cameron where he acted as head football coach at the high school for seven years.

"He believed everyone should participate, good or bad," daughter Pat Haynes said. "He believed in you until you proved otherwise. He was tough but fair. He was real proud of all his sports and pushed the limits. He expected the best and got the best out of them. He turned a lot of boys into young men."

At Cameron, he amassed a 51-8-4 record, and led the Dragons to 2 conference championships.

Paul Coffman, who played for Baker in 1955-56 at Cameron, said his impact extended on and off the

playing field.

"He will always be one of my personal heroes," Coffman said. "Till the day he died I always called him coach. That's the way I will always remember him. He helped you set goals and then realize them. I would never have been a part of things without his encouragement to get out there."

In addition to coaching, Baker loved to fish, camp and hunt — activities he often participated in with his best friend Lewis Dyche, who coached with him at Northwest. Dyche said there will be a void with the loss of Baker.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF 1976 TOWER YEARBOOK

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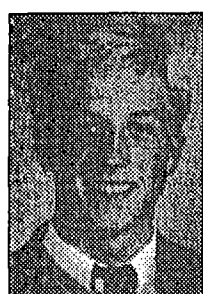
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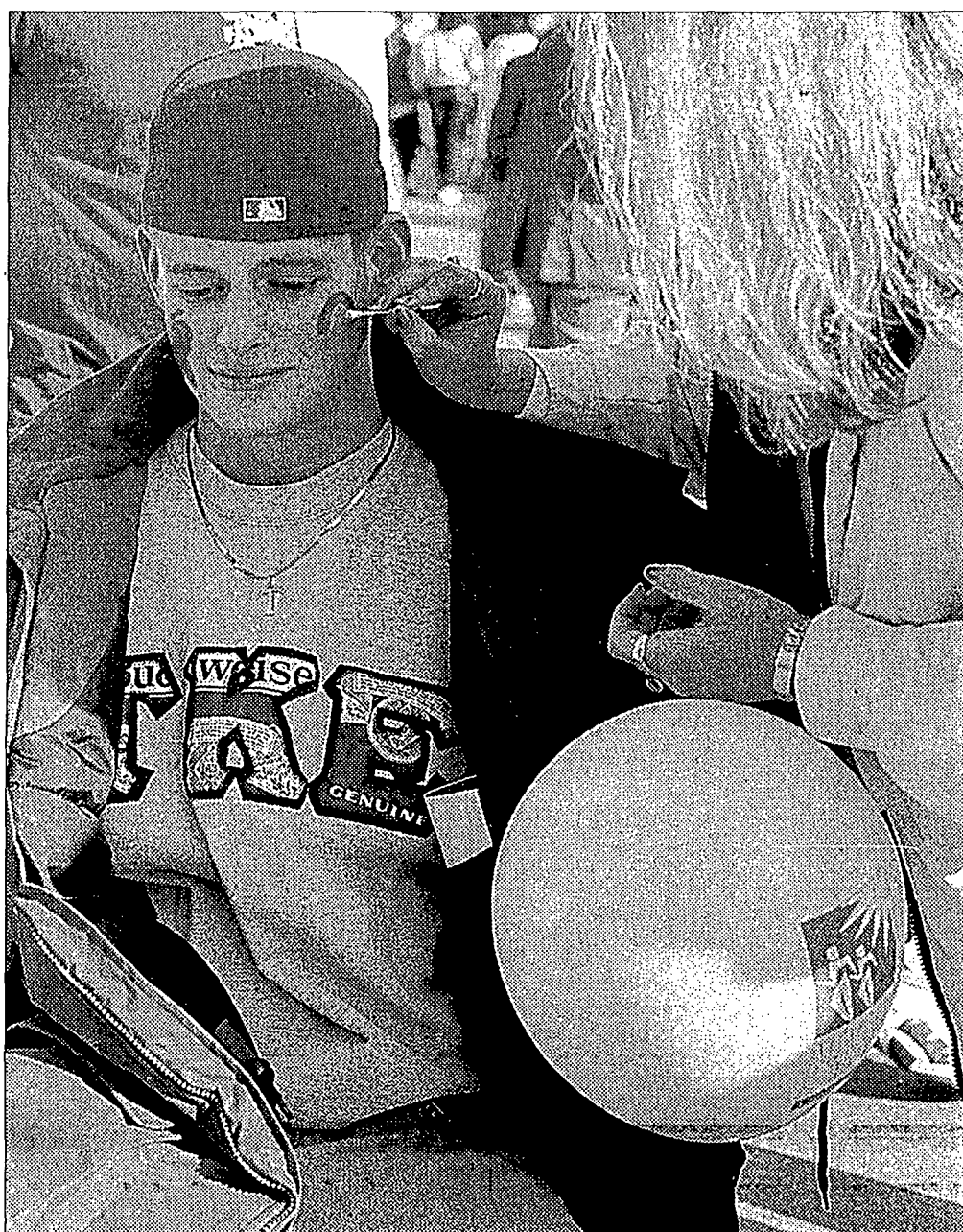
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A former Northwest cross country runner recently put his talents to use for area children in need.

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"God blesses each one of us with certain talents," Ferree said. "We have to accept the responsibility and not expect anyone else to do things for us."

The Children's Center is a program that helps area children from birth to 12 years in the northwest Missouri area by providing crisis intervention and respite care. It is the group's work with children that impressed Ferree and their mission that inspired him to take on the charity project, he said.

"Some kids have a difficult situation or scenario that is beyond their control," Ferree said.

He said that it was a great personal honor to have the chance to help children in need.

Ferree said he thanked those who helped him gather the pledges via a letter to the citizens of Maryville. He also said that, while raising money for such a service is helpful, "there is no substitution for loving care to a child."

Bren Managuth, executive director of the Children's Center, was impressed with Ferree's donation and remarked on his great dedication to helping children.

"Our program's mission—to strengthen families and protect children—is in sync with Don's passion, and we feel very fortunate he chose us as allies to express his concern about youth in a constructive way," Managuth said.

Ferree encourages anyone who is interested in helping the center or in getting more information to contact Managuth or the Children's Center's board of directors at 562-7966.



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'62-'73 head track and field coach at Northwest  
'73 coached Northwest cross country team to its only MIAA championship title

After 39 years in Maryville, a former Northwest coach said his final goodbye.

Earl Baker, affectionately called Doc, died of a brain tumor Thursday in his home.

His widow Betty said Maryville played a large role in his life.

"This is home," Betty said. "He wouldn't want to go anywhere else. We came up here in 1960. Since then, Maryville's been home and it meant quite a bit to him."

Baker was born in Saline County near Marshall, but lived in Maryville for 39 of his 74 years. From 1960 until 1987, Baker was a part of the Northwest community as well, acting as coach for several teams in addition to teaching physical education.

He served as head football coach for the Bearcats from 1960 to 1962, and assistant coach, re-

sponsible for the defensive line, through 1969. Baker was the head track and field coach from 1962 to 1973, and led the cross country team to its only MIAA Championship title during the 1973 season.

Baker, who refereed all over northwest Missouri, also impacted lives in Cameron where he acted as head football coach at the high school for seven years.

"He believed everyone should participate, good or bad," daughter Pat Haynes said. "He believed in you until you proved otherwise. He was tough but fair. He was real proud of all his sports and pushed the limits. He expected the best and got the best out of them. He turned a lot of boys into young men."

At Cameron, he amassed a 51-8-4 record, and led the Dragons to 2 conference championships.

Paul Coffman, who played for Baker in 1955-56 at Cameron, said his impact extended on and off the

playing field.

"He will always be one of my personal heroes," Coffman said. "Till the day he died I always called him coach. That's the way I will always remember him. He helped you set goals and then realize them. I would never have been a part of things without his encouragement to get out there."

In addition to coaching, Baker loved to fish, camp and hunt—activities he often participated in with his best friend Lewis Dyche, who coached with him at Northwest. Dyche said there will be a void with the loss of Baker.

"You can't coach as many years as he did and not be a true Bearcat," Dyche said. He worked hard at his job. He was just a person the whole community will miss, the University, Maryville and of course his family. For those who did not know him, they missed a great opportunity to know a great man."



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Earl Baker, a former professor and coach at Northwest died Thursday in his home of a brain tumor. Baker served at the University from 1960-1987. Baker was 74. He is survived by his wife, Betty, four children and four grandchildren.

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**LEWIS DYCHE**  
EARL BAKER'S BEST FRIEND



# Announcements

## PUBLIC SAFETY

### Thursday, Sept. 23

Following a parking complaint, a gray caravan was towed from the 700 block West Fourth where it was illegally parked.

### Friday, Sept. 26

Five Maryville males reported the theft of bicycles from their residence in the 500 block of West Fourth Street.

### Saturday, Sept. 27

Kathleen M. Wehmuller, Kansas City, 40, was struck by Donald D. Demott, Maryville, who was turning into a private driveway.

### Sunday, Sept. 28

A checkbook was turned in after being found in the 400 block of North Buchanan Street.

After receiving information from a local business that a male subject had failed to turn Nintendo games he had rented, a summons was issued to Justin S. Herzberg, Bedford, Iowa, for failure to return leased property.

### Tuesday, Sept. 29

An officer was on patrol in the 400 block of North Main Street when he observed an unbound vehicle in the 100 block of West Fourth Street run the posted stop sign. The

vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Kerry L. Tankesley, 20, Maryville. While talking with her an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after failing to successfully complete field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for failure to stop at a posted stop sign.

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 900 block of North Walnut Street, her checkbook, bank book, black nylon equine halter and lead rope and Casio scientific calculator had been taken from the vehicle. Loss estimated at \$75.

■ A local business reported a male subject had left without paying for \$16 worth of gasoline.

■ While on patrol in the 100 block of East Third Street, an officer observed a vehicle pass him on the right side. The vehicle was stopped; while talking with the driver, identified as Shea M. Minnihan, 20, Maryville, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for passing on the right.

■ A local business reported a rock had been thrown through a window, breaking it.

■ Martha F. Simmons, Maryville, was backing

from a private drive on East Thompson Street and did not see Frank H. Strong Jr., who was at the intersection of Thomson and Munn streets. Simmons struck Strong. No citations were issued.

■ Reva G. McDonald, Maryville, southbound on South Buchanan Street, struck a legally parked vehicle owned by Ryan M. Johnson, Maryville. A citation was issued to McDonald for careless and imprudent driving.

### Thursday, Sept. 30

■ Winifred M. Fishell, 80, Clearmont, was backing from a parking spot on the north side of Fourth Street and was struck by Bobby V. Perry, 45, Skidmore, who was backing from a parking spot on the south side of Fourth Street. No citations were issued.

■ Jill R. Coats, Maryville, was parked in the 300 block of South Saunders Street and was struck by Stephanie M. Bolton, 20, Maryville, who was backing from a private drive. A citation was issued to Bolton for improper backing.

### Friday, Oct. 1

■ Joshua L. Allee, 21, Maryville, and Matthew L. Clifton, 20, Maryville, were both driving south on North Main Street when Clifton stopped to allow traffic to clear and Allee failed to stop striking Clifton from behind. No citations were issued.

■ Following a complaint, a gray Dodge caravan was towed from the 700 block of West

Fourth Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Officers responded to the complaint of a barking dog in the 700 block of East Fifth Street. An officer tried to make contact with the owner, but was unable to at the time.

■ Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of South Market Street in reference to a loud party. Upon exiting their vehicles officers heard yelling, talking and loud music. Contact was made with the renter of the property, Jeffrey A. Tempel, 21, Maryville. Tempel was issued a summons for permitting a peace disturbance. Officers observed a male subject holding a can of beer. It was established that the subject was not 21. Daniel T. Ilse, 18, Maryville, was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ Alan P. Stiens, 34, Maryville, entered the intersection of West First Street and Country Club Road, striking Vebor L. Dowis, Albany, causing Dowis to go into the ditch of the northwest corner of the intersection. A citation was issued to Stiens for failure to yield at a stop sign.

■ A male juvenile was referred to the Juvenile Office following an assault in the 400 block of East Second Street.

■ A local business reported approximately \$100 worth of fuel was stolen.

■ Ronald F. Peterson, 23, Maryville, turned himself in to Public Safety for an outstanding

Nodaway County Warrant for passing bad checks. He posted bond and was released.

■ Troy E. Poppa, 20, Burlington Junction, was served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

### Saturday, Oct. 2

■ While responding to a loud music call in the 700 block of North Walnut Street, an officer observed a female holding an alcoholic beverage. Contact was made with the subject, and she was identified as Rebecca A. Waller, 19, Maryville, and she was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ An officer observed a group of people come out of a residence in the 500 block of North Buchanan Street. One male individual was holding an alcoholic beverage in his hand, took a drink and placed the can on the curb. Contact was made with the subject and he was identified as Cody W. McLean, 19, Maryville, and he was issued a summons for minor in possession and for littering.

### Sunday, Oct. 3

■ A Maryville female reported that her vehicle had been struck from behind while she was waiting in traffic in the 1100 block of South Main Street. The offending vehicle then left the scene of the accident.

■ While on patrol at Fourth and Main streets, an officer observed a male subject crossing the street with a plastic cup containing an

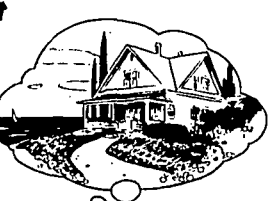
alcoholic beverage in his hand. Contact was made and Jacob R. Kelly, 18, St. Joseph, was issued a summons for minor in possession.

■ Officers responded to the 300 block of East Fourth Street in reference to a loud party where they observed five females holding alcoholic beverages. Jill M. Hecker, 18, Maryville; Kiley A. Nissen, 18, Maryville; Kimberly L. Lamberty, 18, Maryville; Lisa M. McDonald, 19, Ankeny, Iowa, and Laura C. Ness, Ankeny, Iowa, were all issued summons for minor in possession of alcohol. Scott T. Helm, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for supplying alcohol to minors.

■ Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of West Fifth in reference to a loud party call. Alcoholic beverages were observed and contact was made with the renters, Adam J. Young, 20, Maryville, and Adam T. Peterson, 20, Maryville. They were issued summons for minors in possession.

■ An officer observed a vehicle in the 1600 block of East First Street straddle the center line and fail to stay as far right as possible in his lane in the four-lane area. The vehicle was stopped and driver was identified as Derek M. Smashey, 22, Columbia. While talking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after failing to successfully complete field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for failure to remain in a single lane where marked.

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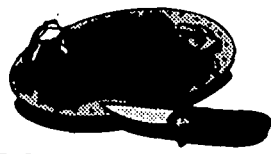


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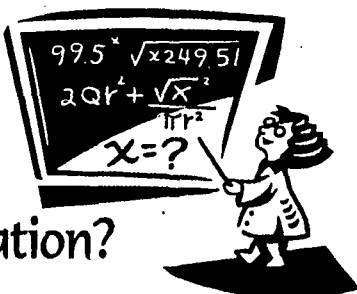
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# Features

## DINNER and a MOVIE

By ERIC DAVIS  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When given this column, I was told to review a variety of movies. After four weeks, I noticed that I had not reviewed a movie that was under a PG-13 rating. So, going against my taste, I searched for a "family" movie. The task sounded simple, but I found most of the PG films completely unappealing or else they were classics, and what would be the point of reviewing a movie everyone already knows about?

Finally, I found a watchable PG movie: "Better Off Dead." I know, I know, the title doesn't sound like that of a wholesome movie, but I clearly remember watching and enjoying this movie as a child.

My memory seems to have misguided me. "Better Off Dead" was not quite the "family" film I remembered. Attempted suicide and hints of sex and drugs make "Better Off Dead" questionable for children. But this dark comedy does succeed in pulling off a quirky, entertaining observation of high school, the American family and teen love.

"Better Off Dead" was made in 1985, in the middle of what is possibly the cheesiest decade of the 20th century. The synth-pop background music and slang like "boss" and "right on" just add to the nostalgia.

A young John Cusack is wonderful as Lane Myer, an angst ridden, shy, suburban teen. When Lane is cut from the ski team, his girlfriend and reason for living, Amanda dumps him for the ski team captain.

The remainder of "Better Off Dead" concentrates on Lane's recovery and search for new love. Throughout the film, Lane is distraught and humorously attempts suicide. Lane's family is also quite amusing, especially his little brother who constructs laser-guns and space ships in his room.

But the most entertaining scenario is the rivalry between Lane and two Japanese immigrants. Every day they compete in a drag race, in which one of the brothers, a Howard Cosell impersonator, announces the play-by-play.

"Better Off Dead" is not the perfect movie for children, but in the 90s, when most children are watching "Dawson's Creek," this movie is more wholesome than most TV programming.

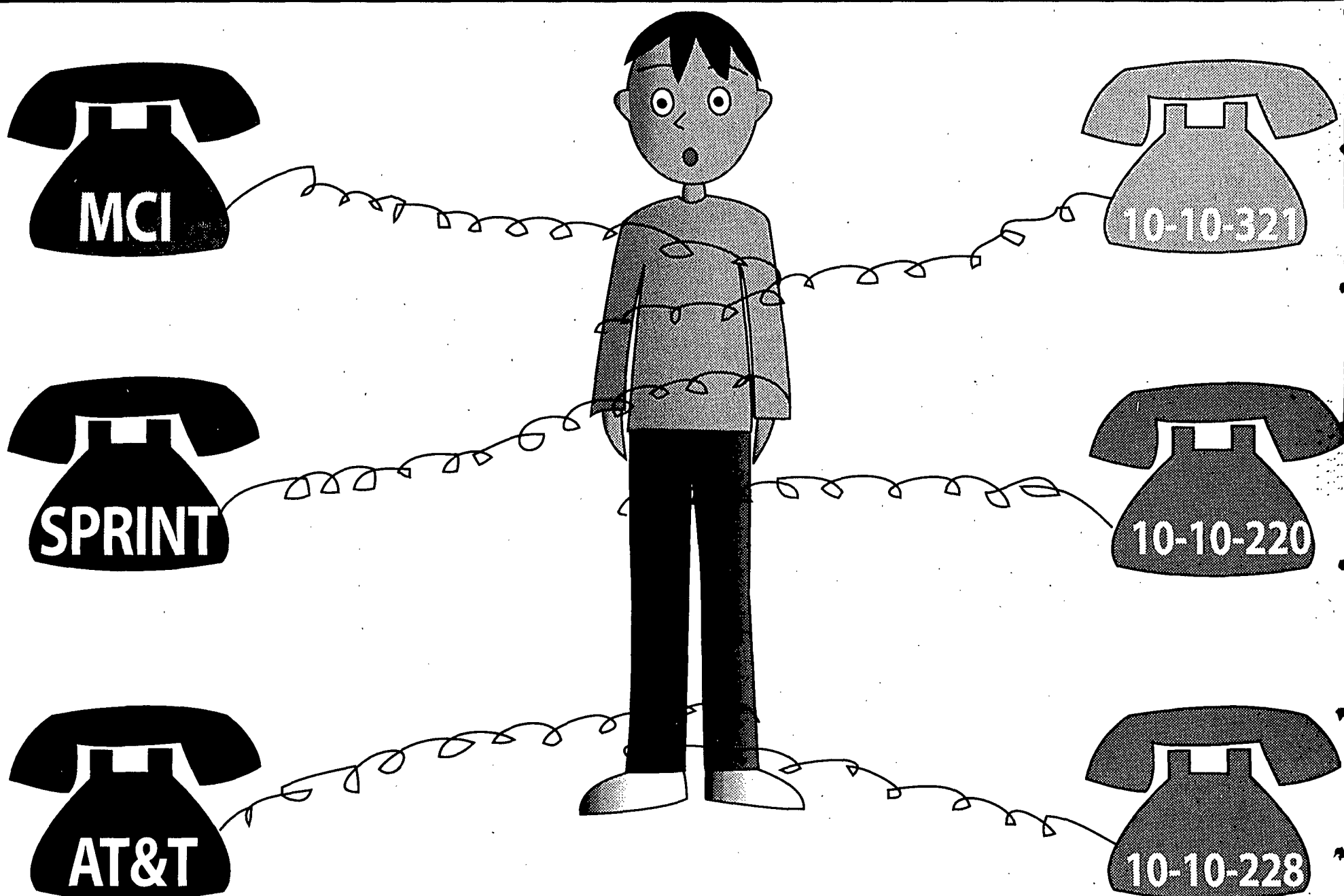
### DEATHWISH SALSA

Deathwish Salsa is not for the faint of heart. Although the heat can be weakened by lessening the amount of peppers and adding honey, it suits those with a flare for danger.

Tomatoes - enough quarters to fill a blender  
2 whole garlic cloves  
1/4 of a medium sized yellow onion  
3 tablespoons lime juice  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1 tablespoon seasoned salt  
1 tablespoon chopped cilantro  
4 to 6 whole Jalapeño peppers  
4 whole Habanero peppers

Fill a blender with tomatoes and run it at its lowest setting until there are no large chunks left. Add the remainder of the ingredients and repeat this process.

The salsa will be at its hottest right after you make it, but will cool down the longer it sits.



KAORI NAGAI/GRAPHICS EDITOR

# LONG-DISTANCE WARS

Which phone company is right for you?

By MARJIE KOSMAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With their ads saturating television screens and magazine pages, 10-10 dial-around numbers have many people wondering if they really do save money.

"I don't really see any difference," Maryville resident Jeff McClain said. "It cost about the same or more."

Maryville resident Sue Gille disagrees. "I always use 10-10-288 when I call St. Joseph or Kansas City," Gille said. "It just bypasses Sprint and goes with AT&T. That way I can get my 10 cents a minute."

Dial-arounds are offered as an alternative to your regular long-distance service. The gimmick used most often is all calls under 20 minutes are only 99 cents. What most customers assume is it averages out to a nickel a minute; however, this is deceiving because the 99 cent charge is applied to all calls whether they are one minute long or 20 minutes.

The 10-10 numbers often just add to the frustration of long-distance calling plans. Deciding which plan offered by the three biggest telephone companies, AT&T, MCI and

Sprint, can be confusing if you do not know what to look for.

Often, finding the right plan depends on how much you spend per month on long-distance. For instance, if your monthly phone bill is only in the single digits, you may be better off dropping your long-distance carrier completely. By telling your local phone company you no longer want a long distance service, all your calls will be routed through a dial-around. You may still be charged a minimal fee for accessing long-distance, but it will be much cheaper than the monthly or access fees charged by the long-distance companies.

If you talk long-distance more than that, you are better off shopping around first. Many carriers offer 5-cents-a-minute plans, depending on when you do most of your talking.

Also, check out smaller phone companies. These are often cheaper, and their calls are routed through the major networks so the quality is the same. However, perks such as frequent flyer miles and 24-hour customer service

will probably not exist.

Another good idea is to challenge your current phone company by telling them you found a better deal somewhere else. Many companies will match the rate rather than lose a customer.

There are also several web sites set up to aid consumers in finding a long-distance plan right for them. The sites will compare different plans based on when you make most of your calls. Call Compare's web site at [www.callcompare.com](http://www.callcompare.com) prompts consumers for information about when they call and how long the calls last to find a plan that best suits them. The Federal Communications Commission's web page at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) posts their "Telephone Consumer Complaint Scorecard" which displays the amount of complaints lodged against each phone company. There are also tips on how to avoid phone scams.

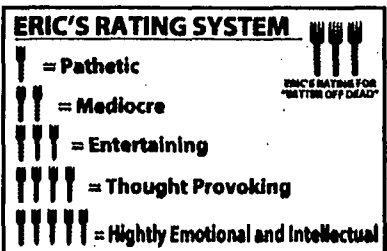
Long-distance can be confusing, but with the variety of plans available, one can be found that is right for anyone.

### Rate comparison web sites

Call Compare  
<http://www.calcompare.com>

Federal Communication Commission  
<http://www.fcc.gov>

Salestar Web Prices  
<http://www.trac.org/webprices/form.html>



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## Does standardized testing accurately portray students' ability in classroom?

By NATALIE HAYES  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

For decades American students have been acquainted with taking tests. However, what once was standard examination means used only for scoring purposes has grown into a critical evaluation.

In the United States today, students can be forced into summer school, held back and even denied a diploma if they score poorly on standardized tests. Anxiety has swelled in school systems across the country, and many believe testing has been taken too far.

Candice Syndenbau, education major, believes testing has become too stressful and, as a result, students score much lower than they are naturally capable of achieving. "For many students of any age,

testing becomes inaccurate because of the stress and anxiety associated with testing," Syndenbau said.

According to "Newsweek," students at Chicago's Whitney Young High School agree with Syndenbau and recently rebelled against the Goal Assessment Program standardized test. On Feb. 2, 1999, eight students purposely failed the social-studies portion of the test and 10 more failed the science section the following day. The students claim real learning is being shoved aside as teachers direct their focus on boosting test scores.

However, low or failing test scores can result in a loss of pay or job for the teacher responsible.

Many teachers believe too much emphasis rests on their re-

sponsibility as a teacher and not enough on actual performance and intelligence of a student.

Marla Teegerstrom, Osceola High School, Osceola, Neb., English teacher, said in education, whether failure or poor performance is the student's responsibility or the instructor's, some people will pass, some will not.

"Making everyone feel good about themselves by not testing is not going to keep students accountable for the information that is required for them to know," Teegerstrom said. "I can only see it further cripple a limping educational beast. And that, in turn, cripples the student."

Aaron Pollan, undecided major, believes testing in a normal classroom setting is an excellent

assessment in verifying knowledge but does not agree with standardized testing.

"Scoring and ranking students is the most beneficial means for taking tests," Pollan said. "However, careful research should be taken to guarantee that the scoring and ranking is accurate and that bias has been eliminated from the exams."

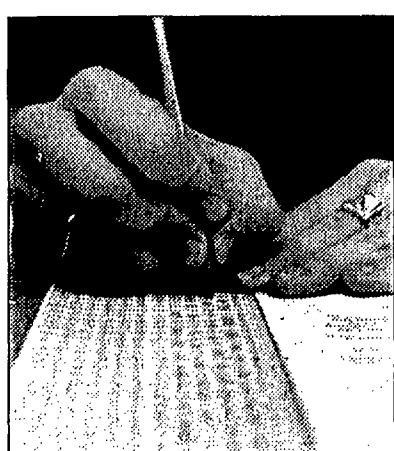
Inaccurate and discriminative seem to be the words that come to the minds of many Americans today when asked about standardized testing. One plausible reason for such distaste of these mandatory evaluations could be its corrupt history.

In the early 20th Century, Harvard President James Bryant Conant devised an examination

meant to eliminate an American class system that would create a new frontier for higher learning. Surprisingly enough, Conant's efforts to erase a class system instead has helped modern-day Americans create a new one.

"Newsweek" states there is a bitter protest against standardized testing which has stemmed from the persistent racial gap in average ranking. "Newsweek" also says by handing out opportunities based strictly on the results of standardized test scores generates lawsuit and racial diversity.

Yet among the drawbacks of testing there are also benefits. Fans of testing say they are diagnostic tools, allowing teachers to know the students are learning and retaining information.



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David Szyhowski, psychology major, fills in a Scantron card which is used for testing.



# Gridiron Extra

SPOOFHOUNDS VS. WARRIORS

## 'Hounds meet defending 2A champs

### Maryville strives to continue win streak

By MARK HORNICKEL  
MANAGING EDITOR  
and BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

It may not be a repeat season from last year, but the Maryville High School football team is demonstrating its own version of "showtime 1999" that includes winning three-straight Midland Empire Conference games.

The Spoofhounds will host their first non-conference game at 7 p.m. Friday against the St. Pius X Warriors for Homecoming.

The Warriors enter the game as defending Missouri 2A champions, losing only to Maryville last year, and like the 'Hounds they are on a roll, winning an emotional game last week in overtime against St. Joseph LeBlond.

"They have several players back from their team last year and they will spread things out against us," Maryville head coach Chuck Lliteras said. "They will be wanting to avenge last year's loss, but we will have our guys prepared."

Even with the all the homecoming festivities going on which could possibly distract Maryville, St. Pius head coach Rick Byers said it will not favor his team.

"We went into that game three years ago and we were on the same roll we are on now and we lost 42-0, so we know, we aren't going to catch them off-guard," Byers said. "The two football programs are alike, and we know what we are going up against, so we are just going to have to be ready to play."

The Spoofhounds made very few mistakes and used a potent offensive attack to beat the Benton Cardinals Friday night, 42-6.

After the game, Lliteras told his team he was "extremely proud."

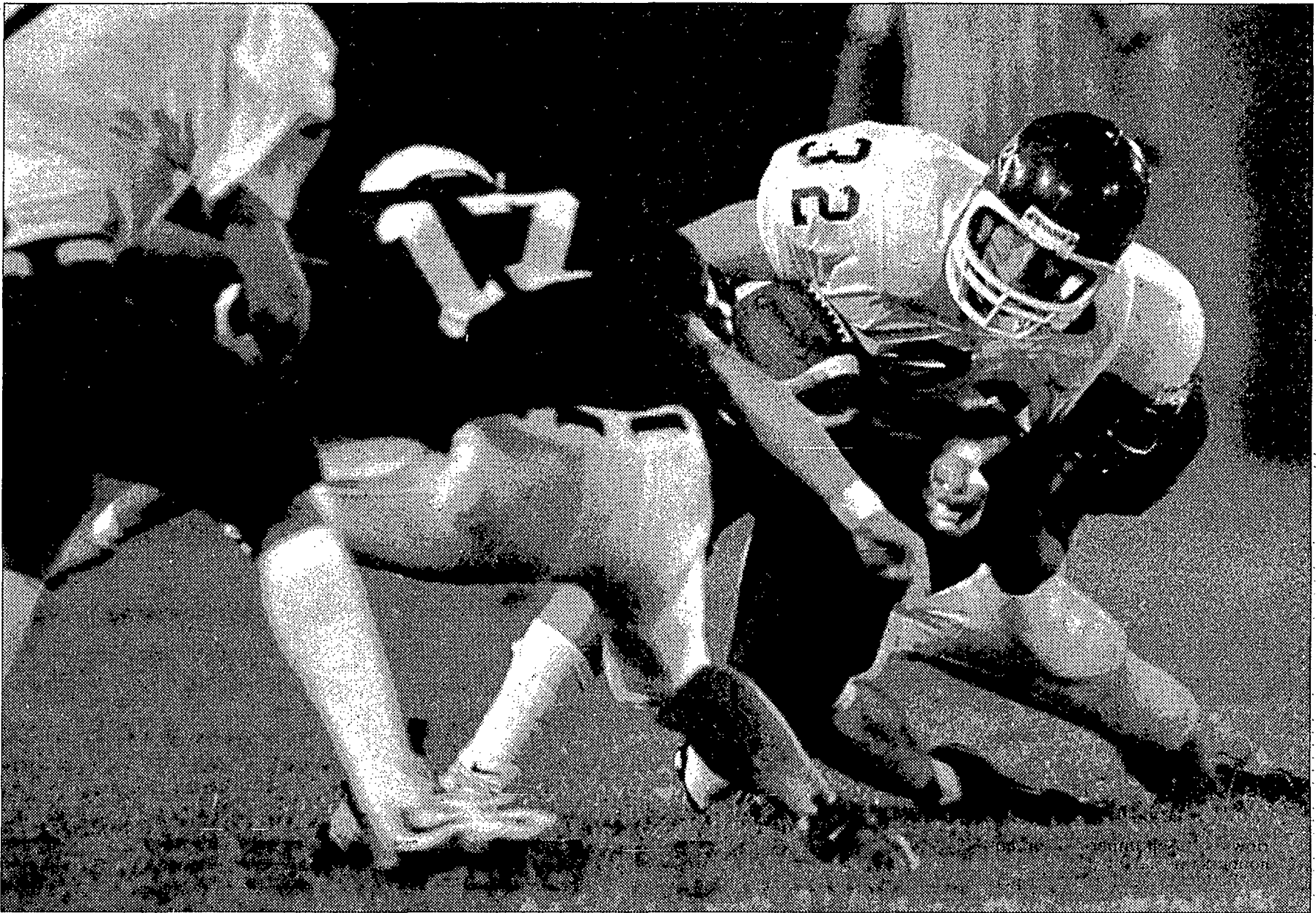
"They played a good football game," he said. "Offensively, we didn't miss a beat all night long. We were throwing the ball, running the ball, pretty much doing what we wanted to do. Defensively, they (Benton) got a touchdown in the first half, but I thought we played really well defensively also."

Senior quarterback Pat Jordan played a part in five of the 'Hounds touchdowns, passing for 143 yards and rushing for 113 yards.

Junior running back Mitch Herring played a vital role in the offense's success as well, rushing for 73 yards on 13 attempts and one touchdown, helping the combination be tough for Benton to adjust to, Lliteras said.

"That's the nice thing about our offense," he said. "They can't stop everything. If they try to take Herring out of the ball game, then they're one down on the quarterback. And if they put two on the quarterback, then they're one down on the pitch back. If they put 10 guys on the line of scrimmage, you throw a 40-yard touchdown pass and there's nobody within 30 yards of the wingback. The offense is so explosive and, the kids love to play it."

The 'Hounds took the lead early. Jordan scored his first touchdown on a quarterback keeper from 3- yards out with 4:38 remaining in the first quarter.



Junior running back Mitch Herring attempts to break tackles in Friday night's contest against Benton High School in St. Joseph. Herring accounted for one touchdown in the Spoofhounds 42-6 victory. Maryville is aiming to win its fourth consecutive game when then the team battles St. Pius X in the homecoming game Friday night.

Three minutes later, Jordan scored again on a 26-yard route down the right side of the field.

The two teams battled back and forth throughout the second quarter. Then, with 1:33 left to play in the first half, Jordan connected with a wide-open Heath Reynolds for a 43-yard touchdown pass.

Benton's only score came with the help of a pass interference call on Maryville. Cardinals quarterback Joel Morlock steamrolled into the end zone to put Benton on the board 21-6 with 17 seconds left in the half.

In the second half, the 'Hounds came out barking again.

Jordan scored two more times on a 6-yard run and a 3-yard run.

Maryville put a cap on the scoring late in the third quarter as Mitch Herring ran the ball 5 yards into the end zone.

"We came out and Coach said these guys were going to be big," Herring said. "We came out against Cameron and fell down that hill. Came back this week and played well, nobody yelled at each other. We played as a team."

With the win, Maryville improved to 4-1, and the Cardinals remained winless. The Spoofhounds stand one game behind Platte County High School in the MEC.

#### MEC standings

	Overall	Conference
1. Platte County	5-0	5-0
2. Maryville	4-1	4-1
3. Chillicothe	4-1	3-1
4. Cameron	3-2	3-2
5. Savannah	3-2	2-3
6. Smithville	1-3	1-3
7. Benton	0-4	0-4
8. Lafayette	0-4	0-4

## Conference standings controlled by Pirates

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

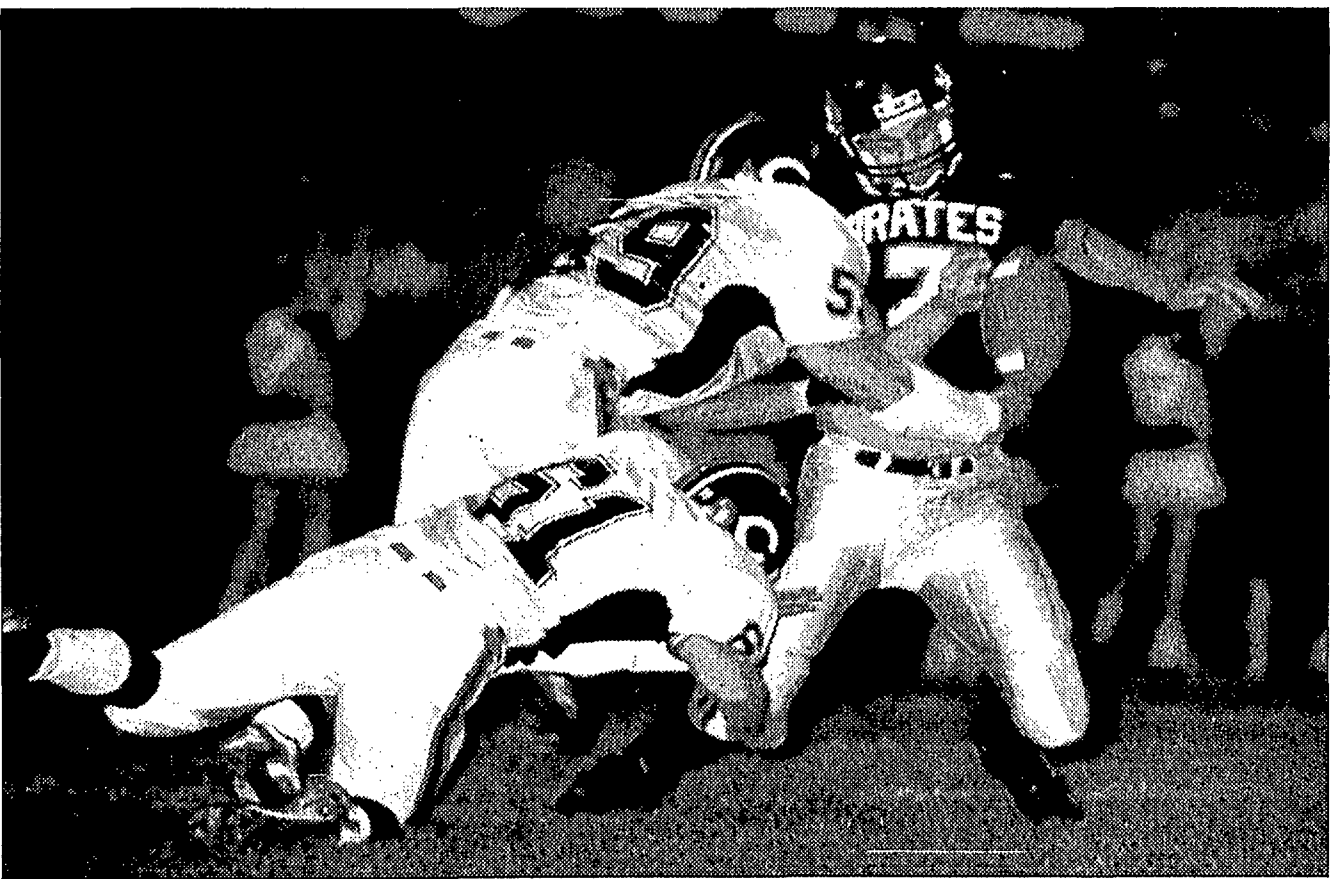
As the Spoofhound football team dominated Benton in St. Joseph Friday night, the battle for sole possession of the Midland Empire Conference between unbeaten teams was played thirty-miles on Interstate 29.

The Missouri Class 3A, fourth-ranked Platte County Pirates stepped up and took control of the fate in the MEC with a 20-7 victory over the Chillicothe Hornets in only its second year in conference.

"Our kids played hard, and that was the important thing for us to do because we knew Chillicothe would come in here ready to battle," Platte County head coach Chip Sherman said. "We have to take advantage of the things given to us, and I think we did that on some things, but there is still work that needs to be done to make this team better."

The Pirates, 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the conference, have posed a balanced offensive attack all season by being successful with passing and rushing, but on their first drive of the game junior quarterback Brandon Gutshall showed the signs of struggle when he was intercepted by Levi Hardly on the Chillicothe 22-yard line. Gutshall finished the night 3 for 7 for 42 yards passing with one touchdown and two interceptions.

"There was a combination of things that did not go well for us, and



Platte County quarterback Brandon Gutshall is hit by Chillicothe's Jon Early, No. 59, and Tyler Jordan, separating him from the ball. Chillicothe's defense stepped it up to force two fumbles, two interceptions and three sacks on Gutshall Friday night.

one of those things was the passing," Sherman said. "That is one thing about the offense though—take what you can get, and we did that with the running game. Last week Savannah tried to take the running game away, and we passed for four touchdowns, so when one part of the offense is taken out, the other will respond."

When the passing game became inefficient, the running game took command as sophomore running back Zach Sherman wreaked havoc with 212 yards rushing on 33 carries

and one touchdown. Platte County demonstrated the running attack at the end of the first quarter when they started from their own 13-yard line and marched 16 plays in 7 minutes to score the game's first touchdown when junior fullback Andy Warner ran in from five yards out.

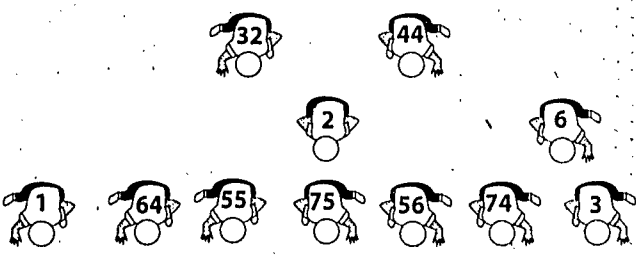
After taking a 14-0 lead into halftime, the Pirates squandered several chances to expand their lead, losing the ball deep in Chillicothe territory in the second half. The Hornets could only take advantage of one the oppor-

tunities when tailback David Gabrielson busted loose for a 53-yard touchdown run.

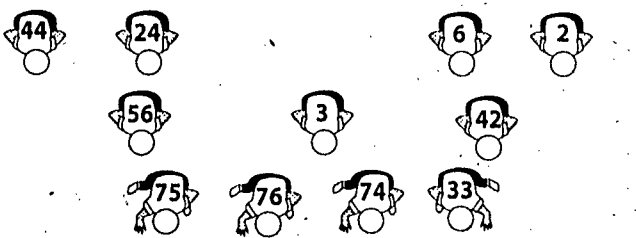
The Pirates quickly answered the touchdown by driving 69 yards on the legs of Sherman and Warner in three minutes to put the final touches on the game with an 8-yard touchdown run by Sherman.

"Platte County has a very strong program, Chillicothe head coach Phil Willard said. "They are a team that is going to make things happen for themselves this year."

#### MARYVILLE OFFENSE



#### MARYVILLE DEFENSE



- 1 Paul Otte SE/DB
- 2 Pat Jordan QB/DB
- 3 Justin Deshone TE/LB
- 4 Ryan Sullivan RB/DB
- 5 CJ Messner SE/DB
- 6 Zane Schulte SE/DB
- 7 Zach Morley SE/DB
- 9 Kenneth Hanna SE/LB
- 10 Jacob Ehlers RB/DB
- 11 Trent Twaddle QB/DB
- 12 Steve Morrison SE/DB
- 14 Derek Garrett QB/DB
- 15 Ryan Vansickle TE/LB
- 19 Derek Dew SE/DB
- 20 Kellen Nielson RB/LB
- 21 Jacob Lancaster RB/DB
- 22 Colin Wilmes RB/LB
- 24 Kyle Lager RB/DB
- 25 Jared Williams RB/DB
- 29 Mike Barnett RB/LB
- 32 Mitch Herring FB/LB
- 33 Jason Cracraft RB/LB
- 34 Adam Welch RB/LB
- 40 Greg Barmann RR/LB
- 42 Joey Wilmes RB/LB
- 44 Heath Reynolds RB/DB
- 50 Dylan Hurst OL/DL
- 51 Jason Redford OL/DL
- 53 Travis Williams OL/DL

- 54 Lance Holaday OL/DL
- 55 Brent Devers OL/LB
- 56 Tommy Bailey OL/LB
- 57 Boomer Dufrey OL/DL
- 58 Josh Redford OL/DL
- 59 Brian Steins OL/LB
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- 63 Byron Mayes OL/DL
- 64 Jonathon Akins OL/DL
- 65 Jacob Steins OL/DL
- 66 Jess Kunkel OL/DL
- 67 J.R. Tilman OL/DL
- 68 Donny Pivral OL/DL
- 70 Travis Wymore OL/DL
- 71 Nate Wilson OL/LB
- 72 Tyrell Roach OL/DL
- 74 Eric Goudge OL/DL
- 75 Chad Townsend OL/DL
- 76 Derrick Spears OL/DL
- 77 Ben Lipec OL/DL
- 79 Cody Toombs OL/DL
- 80 Eric Dufrey SE/DB
- 81 Cody Purdy TE/LB
- 83 Ross Hullinger TE/DL
- 84 Brandon Schuster SE/DB
- 86 Casey Thompson SE/DB
- 87 Brett Kisker SE/DB
- 88 Derek Merrill SE/DB



# Former 'Hounds fulfill lifetime dreams

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Through the years there are students who graduate from Maryville High School and decide not to attend Northwest and make the transition to bigger schools much farther away.

The Maryville High School wrestling program has been a very successful program for students, but two brothers have taken what they learned to another level.

Ryan and Anthony Craig Powell have not only wrestled at respected universities, but they take their education to the fullest.

Ryan is currently in his second year at the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn., while Craig is a senior at Brown University in Providence, R. I., majoring in economics concentration.

Together, these brothers created a sense of dominance for the Maryville wrestling program in the early to mid 1990s. Ryan placed second in state his senior year at the 145 pound level in 1992, while Craig was a two-time state champ at the 189 pound level his junior and senior years in '94 and '95.

"Both boys were hard working, eager to learn and always wanted to do their best when they wrestled," head coach Joe Drake said.

Even though the Powells have

wrestled for the majority of their lives, their mother Mary Jane said their older brother Shawn first got them interested in wrestling.

"We moved here when Shawn was in the third grade, and he told his brothers he wanted to wrestle in the youth tournament held here in Maryville," Mary Jane said. "I remember how Shawn would watch the wrestlers for hours and study moves. This really influenced Ryan and Craig to become wrestlers, and the three always challenged each other and supported what the other did."

However, when Shawn turned 13 he was diagnosed with cancer, halting his wrestling career and impacting his brothers' lives.

"Ryan and Craig saw Shawn wrestle with a battle that was bigger than anything they had seen before," their father Jeffrey said. "Shawn demonstrated what strong focus he had in defeating cancer and how the toughest competition was to survive."

Shawn defeated his battle with cancer but was unable to continue his wrestling career in high school because the weight he lost in chemotherapy made him weaker. He did receive a degree from Northwest and earned his master's at the University of Oklahoma. Shawn is presently residing in Indianapolis, and is em-

ployed with Reilly Industries, a chemical company.

As they watched their brother win the battle with cancer, Ryan and Craig were motivated to be the best they could with wrestling and in life.

Craig said his wrestling experience after high school was a little more unique, because after he left MHS he went on to wrestle for Blair Academy, a private high school in New Jersey, before entering the college ranks. This led him to Brown where he has completed one season with a record of 29-9 in one full season. Shoulder injuries have hampered the grappler's career at Brown, but he said he does not let it get him down with all he has done on the East Coast.

"I now have friends all over the world, fraternity brothers from Southern California, Hawaii, Arizona, Canada, Alaska, etc; you name the place and chances are it is represented at Brown," he said. "Now imagine one of the most liberal college environments in the world—that's Brown. I'm sure you can imagine how that compares to conservative, rural Maryville."

The dream for Ryan was to pursue a wrestling career at the University of Missouri-Columbia, but during his senior year he was approached with a scholarship to Simpson University for wrestling, and that was something he

could not pass up. When his first year at Simpson was completed, Ryan decided he wanted to work more towards his education, and he decided to transfer to Missouri.

"Ryan went to MU, but decided not to wrestle at the Division I level because he knew as a wrestler, if he wanted to be good, he would have to put in six hours a day," Mary Jane said. "He wanted to do something in the medical field and wanted to spend more time in the books. He also said that if he didn't put enough hours into wrestling he would get hurt and wouldn't be able to physically do the things he does now."

One thing is for certain for the Powell brothers: They are extremely proud of the decisions they made and would like to see more MHS students pursue their own goals too.

"Your college experience is meant to be an investment; the payoff is determined by you, your grades, contacts and eventually the job and career that you attain," Craig said. "I would encourage anyone to get away, not because I am not an avid supporter of Northwest, but because they have experienced Maryville, and they know what it is like to grow up in the 'Show Me State'—go experience and find out about those things that you don't know."



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The Powell brothers (From left: Craig, Shawn and Ryan) have been supportive of each other throughout the years.

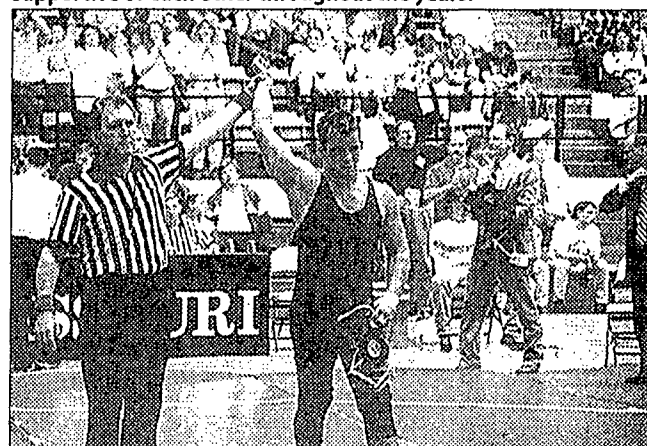


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After having a very successful MHS wrestling career, Craig Powell decided to continue at the Brown University in Rhode Island.

## Maryville athletes at Northwest

Soccer  
■ Megan McLaughlin, freshman, forward

Football  
■ Scott Courter, senior, WR  
■ Grant Sutton, RS freshman, OLB  
■ Mike Nanninga, freshman, LB  
■ Matt Felton, sophomore, OLB  
■ Geoff Goudge, sophomore, DT  
■ Adam Otte, freshman, WR  
■ John Otte, RS freshman, WR  
■ Adam Horn, senior, DE

Tennis  
■ Dima Groumoutis, freshman

## Maryville alumni remembers MHS, basketball fondly

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Some say it was the best basketball team fielded in Maryville high school history, and others talk about how things could have gone better, but one thing is for sure: The 1994-'95 team possessed a distinct quality of pride most teams only dream of.

Having pride and total team dedication helped the '94-'95 Spoofhound team earn second place at the Missouri Class 3A championship.

One player who took what he learned in the program outside of Maryville was hoopster Chad Lewis, who participated four years with the Avila Eagles College in Kansas City.

Lewis, who is finishing his last semester at Avila with a major in Business Administration, said what he learned at Maryville was special, but when it came down to selecting a college, he chose a school that offered him what he was comfortable with.

"It was a great time in high school; we were a close team and had a lot of success together, but I just wanted to get away from home and go to a school that's in the city," Lewis said.

In the Eagles' system, Lewis averaged eight points and eight rebounds during his career there, but one thing that stood out for him while he played at Avila was how there was more of an appreciation for basketball from the 'Hounds' fans.

"There was great fan support in Maryville, and they stuck with us through the thick and thin, but at Avila there were times we had difficulty trying to get people to come and watch the team play," he said.

Head coach Mike Kuwitzky said coaching the Spoofhounds and Lewis to the state championship was nothing but enjoyable.

"These kids gave their all and worked as hard as they could, and that's what made things more exciting for fans to watch," Kuwitzky said. "I knew they would be successful wherever they decided to go."

## Coaches influence athletes

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

The early to mid 1980s was a dominant era for Maryville High School athletics in having undefeated teams and outstanding individuals, but two people who helped their teams triumph went on to participate collegiately and professionally.

Having helped lead the Spoofhound tennis team to a 9-0 record her senior year, which included winning the Midland Empire Conference and district championship, Allison Felton took her career on to the University of Missouri-Columbia as a walk-on in 1988. Felton decided to attend Missouri because she wanted to pursue a career as a veterinarian.

"I was a three-sport athlete all throughout high school, but when I decided to go to MU I knew tennis would be the best sport for me to play," Felton said. "I had many people in the community help train me and I feel that was a big boost."

Current Maryville tennis head coach P.K. Krokstrom coached Felton through high school and said if there was ever a player dedicated to this sport, it was her.

During her sophomore semester at Missouri, Felton traveled to Australia as an exchange student and played coed basketball and tennis at the University of Southern Queensland.

"Basketball is a lot rougher there, because the rules don't apply as much," she said.

It was also at Southern Queensland where Felton decided to change her major from veterinary school to the line of medicine as a resident doctor.

She still resides in Columbia today, but said there is a good chance her

family may move back to Maryville.

As Felton was dominating the tennis courts, another Spoofhound was making his name known on the baseball diamond.

Starting the varsity team at first base and pitcher his freshman year was just one of the many things Kirk Baldwin accomplished while at Maryville. He also helped the team reach the state playoffs his junior year.

Having the experiences of playing baseball for four years and being on successful teams helped Baldwin decide to play in college. After spending two years at Southwestern Community College, he transferred to Central Missouri State University.

"My brother had a bad experience with the Northwest baseball program, so that kind of lured me away from wanting to play, and benefitted me because I worked hard at CMSU getting more exposure with the pros," Baldwin said.

After entering the Major League Baseball draft in 1989, Baldwin was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 20th round.

Baldwin spent two years with the Royals' minor league organization as a pitcher. The first year was in Eugene, Ore., while his second year was in Appleton, Wis.

"Those were some great years, and if I could do it again, I would," he said. "It was a great accomplishment for me to go around the country and be around different people from all over the world."

Even though his days of playing in stadiums are over, Baldwin is accomplishing another one of his goals by working as a land survey technician in Kearney.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LYNN FELTON

MHS tennis head coach P.K. Krokstrom and pupil Allison Felton pose for the camera during state competition in Columbia.

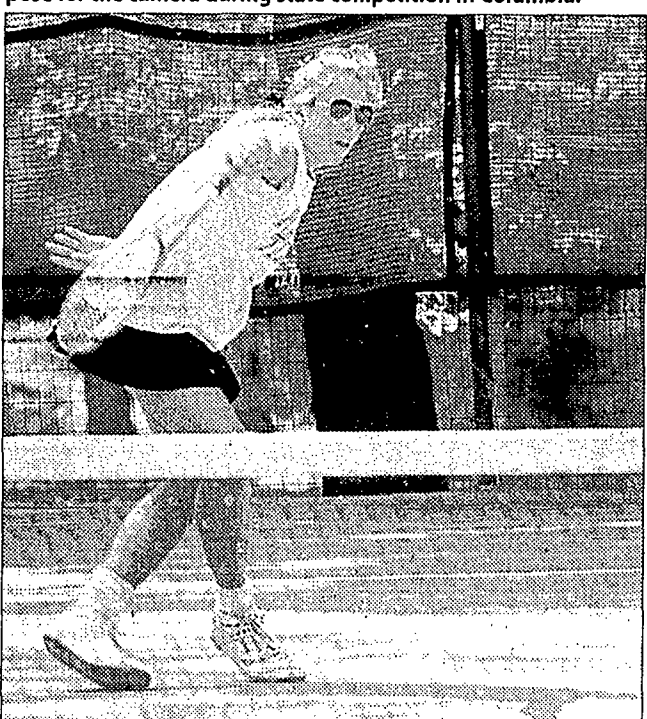


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Not only did Felton compete at MU, she played tennis in Australia.

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## 'Cats strive to make postseason

By DALLAS ACKERMAN  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest volleyball team played in Topeka, Kan., Wednesday night against Washburn University. Northwest won in four games (10-15, 15-5, 15-1, 16-14). The 'Cats now stand 15-7 overall and 6-2 in the MIAA. Freshman Megan Danek notched 31 assists, while Julie Brophy led the team with 10 digs.

The Northwest volleyball team continues to win matches and move up in the conference standings.

After knocking off conference rival Missouri Western State College Wednesday, Northwest enters the week tied for second place in the MIAA with Truman State University and Emporia State University. The 'Cats hold a 6-2 record in conference play with big matches in their near future.

Northwest currently owns a 11-5 record with teams in its region and is currently ranked sixth in the South Central Region. Northwest will need to move into the top four in the region to qualify for the regional tournament.

On Monday night, the 'Cats

jumped out of conference play as they traveled to Atchison, Kan., for a road match against Benedictine College. Northwest stayed on a roll as they racked up the match in three-straight games (15-10, 15-12, 15-8).

Junior middle hitter Abby Sunderman paced the offense with a game-high 15 kills. Sunderman moved into fourth place on the Northwest All-time kills list with 1,138. She needs 62 to move into third place on the list. Freshman setter Megan Danek dished 41 assists and also registered 12 digs in the win.

Sunderman is not the only Bearcat volleyball player moving up in the Northwest record books.

Last week junior outside/middle hitter Jill Quast moved into third place in digs and was named MIAA Player

of the Week for the second time in three weeks. Head coach Sarah Pelster knows that with Sunderman and Quast she has quite a tandem.

"They are both good athletes and have played in almost every match since their freshman year," Pelster said. "I really look for them to set the standard for others to follow in the future."

A common characteristic for this year's edition of Bearcat volleyball has been the team's tendency to come from behind after trailing early in matches. Pelster sees many reasons why this year's team is doing it.

"We have enough depth on our team this year that if someone is having an off night then someone else will step up and take control," Pelster said. "When we do fall behind, we just take

it one point at a time and don't look ahead."

After Wednesday's match at Washburn, Pelster's team can now look forward to returning to Bearcat Arena this weekend for two home matches against Missouri Southern State College and Pittsburg State University.

Missouri Southern knocked off the 'Cats earlier this year and Pelster hopes her team can rebound.

"We are excited about having another shot at Southern," Pelster said. "We feel having them in our place will give us quite an advantage."

The Bearcats overall record this season stands at 15-7. Friday's match with Missouri Southern is set to start at 7 p.m. Saturday's match with Pittsburg State will begin at 1 p.m.

## Harriers to face MIAA competition

By WENDY BROKER  
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

Running on a flatter course resulted in faster times and higher finishes for the Bearcat cross country teams Saturday, a feat the men and women hope to repeat in St. Louis Saturday.

The teams will travel to St. Louis for the All Missouri Border State Championships Saturday, where they will take on all their MIAA conference opponents as well as several other schools.

Men's head coach Rich Alsop said the men will strive to repeat as meet champions but that it will not be an easy task.

"It's a big meet with 30-plus teams," Alsop said. "We won it last year, and we'll be out to improve times, but it will be tough to win. Central (Missouri State University) will be there again; and they will be the odds on favorite to win."

The men go into the meet after finishing fourth of 25 teams at the Loyola/Chicago Lakefront Invitational Saturday.

Sophomore captain Bryce Good led the men taking 10th out of the 257 athlete field. Junior Mike Ostreko finished 12th for the men followed by seniors Matt DiPreto and Bryan Thornburg and sophomore Kyle Daily.

"Everyone that ran (beat personal records) by a lot," Alsop said. "That's what we expected since we've been running on really hard courses. This was the easiest course we've run so far this year."

The Bearcat women will also compete at the Border State Championships this weekend.

"It will be another tough meet, but it will give us a good look at where we stand with only two weeks left before conference," women's head coach Vicki Wooton said. "It will allow us to find out what we need to work on."

The women placed ninth out of 27 teams in the college division at the Lakefront Invitational.

Junior Megan Carlson took 26th out of the 295 runner field, followed by senior Becca Glassel and sophomores Gina Gelatti, Jill Robinson and Ronda Cheers.

## Spoofhound softball ends 1st season

By JUSTIN MCALEER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

With a 10-10 record at the end of its premier season, the Maryville High School softball team laid a solid foundation for future teams to build on.

"For our first year, a .500 record is OK, but we hope to improve upon it next year," head coach Kathy Blackney said. "We played very good competition with many excellent pitchers. I am proud of the 15 girls who established a tradition for Maryville High School softball."

Before falling to Kirksville, 10-0, in the second round of the district tournament Saturday, the 'Hounds knocked off the Midland Empire Conference champion Lafayette.

"It was nice to beat Lafayette again," Blackney said. "They won the conference this year but lost both games to us."

The 'Hounds pounded out 12 runs on nine hits to give senior Lindsey Hill the school's first district win. Hill had 12 strikeouts and allowed just two hits. Junior Sarah Daniels went two for three, scoring three runs and driving one run in.

"We played a rare complete game in which the offense and the defense were both good," Blackney said.

The cold wind and rain cooled off the 'Hounds bats by the afternoon game; they managed only one hit.

"Once again our bats weren't working and we didn't score any runs," Blackney said.

With only three seniors, the team has gained experience that will help them prepare for next season.

"We know what we're up against," sophomore Lindsay Stiens said. "We need to get better at batting and score early instead of catching up all of the time."

Leadership will come from younger girls next season. The 'Hounds will only return two seniors. Stiens said the girls with experience will need to prepare the new girls who have and get them ready for game situations, in good and bad situations.

## 'Hounds take 1st wins of inaugural season

By JUSTIN BUSH  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhounds soccer team emerged with two-straight wins this week at home.

The 'Hounds made history Monday afternoon by defeating conference rival Benton, 3-2, for the first win in school history.

Tuesday they did it again, beating another conference competitor, Lafayette, 3-1, to start a two-game winning streak.

The 'Hounds were down by one at half-time, but came back strong in the second half, scoring three goals in the first 20 minutes.

Sophomore Brian Prokes scored first for the 'Hounds on a breakaway. Then a goal by senior Clinton Nielson and another by Prokes sealed the victory for the 'Hounds.

"It's exciting to get that first win," Talmadge said. "After that we got excited and started playing better."

The 'Hounds are now looking to improve their record by winning more games.

"It's good to get that first win in," senior Clint Nielson said. "It's a great feeling. We're planning to win a lot more games now."

The 'Hounds were able to communicate well, control the ball and keep it on the other side of the field through most of the game.

"They really talked great tonight," coach Tony Rasmussen said. "We started out a little flat but were able to really pick it up."

With the 'Hounds earning a couple of marks in the win column some of the pressure is off for the rest of the season.

"It feels good to win," sophomore Chad Hannigan said. "It takes a lot of the pressure off and we feel a lot more relaxed and confident now."

The five-game homestand gives the school and community a chance to show support for the 'Hounds.



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Spoofhound Brian Prokes dribbles the ball past a Lafayette defender during the 'Hounds 3-1 win Tuesday. Prokes was one goal short of a hat trick with two goals in the win at Donaldson Park. The 'Hounds were down 1-0 at the half, but came back with three goals in the second half. Tuesday's victory was the 'Hounds second in a row. The team made history Monday afternoon by defeating conference rival Benton, 3-2, for the first win in school history.

## Spikers look to take Cardinals in grudge match

By KEN GARNER  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Revenge will be on the minds of the Maryville High School girls' volleyball team Thursday night when they take on rival Benton who delivered a crushing defeat to the 'Hounds Sept. 14.

Head coach Gregg Winslow said he hopes revenge will be a motivating factor for his team on Thursday.

"We did not play well against them last time; we should be ready to play," Winslow said. "I hope the team at least looks to avenge the loss."

Senior hitter Jennifer Easton said the team definitely has a score to settle since the 'Hounds have not defeated Benton in the past few years and they want to remain undefeated at home.

In order for the 'Hounds to avoid another let down against Benton, Winslow said the team needs to be mentally prepared since they have had some relatively easy matches lately. He also said it is imperative the team pass and attack the ball with a purpose, as well as continually move their feet on defense. It will also be equally important for them to get up on the blocks.

Junior hitter Dana Lade said the team's ability to pass the ball allows them to establish the rest of their game and will be a key factor against Benton. Also the 'Hounds' ability to work together and team communication will be vital in the match.

Although it is Homecoming week for the 'Hounds, Winslow said they do not feel any added pressure for Thursday's match.

"The team knows what they need to do for the match," he said. "It would be extremely sweet to beat Benton during Homecoming."

Easton said the team is extremely focused and pumped up for the match.

Winslow said the crowd will play an instrumental role in this match.

"The gym should be exceptionally loud and rowdy on Thursday. With this being Homecoming, we are expecting a huge turnout," Winslow said.

The 'Hounds kicked off Homecoming week on Monday by defeating Kansas City Barstow 15-0, 15-1.

The team plays host to the annual 'Hound Tournament Saturday. Matches will be played at the high school, the Student Rec Center and Bearcat Arena beginning at 8 a.m. The championship match will be played at 6 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

A field of 15 teams will compete in the tournament, including powerhouses Fairfax and Centralia High School in Kansas.

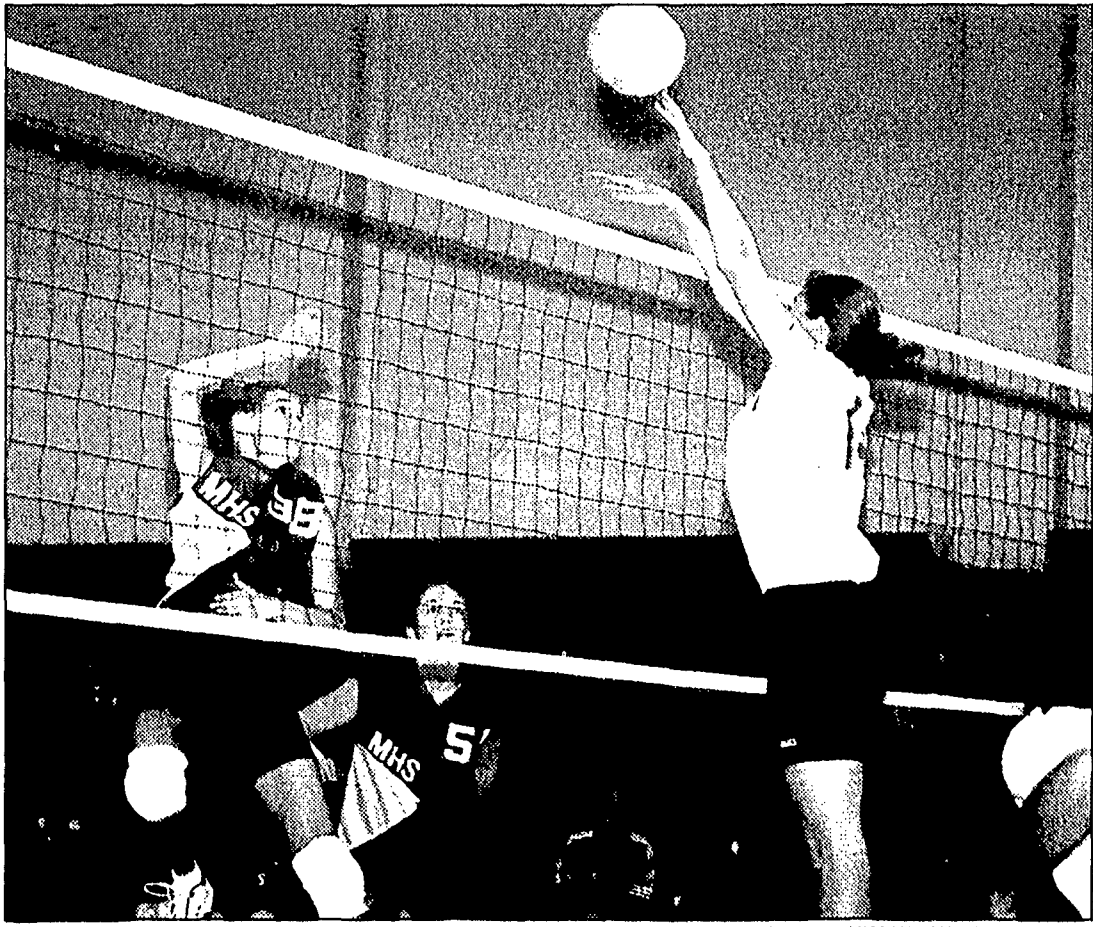
Winslow said the team must be ready to play for an entire day and go into each match as they have the entire season thus far.

"The key is to maintain our focus during the day and the down time between matches," he said.

The 'Hounds must be ready to play at the top of their game regardless of whom they play, said Easton.

Lade said the team must work together over the course of the day's matches.

"With this many games we must get over our fatigue and play well," she said.



MICHAELA KANGER/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Maryville junior Laura Hagen watches to see if teammate Jessie Cooper's spike is blocked by K.C. Barstow senior Candice Perlstein. The Spoofhounds went on to win the match 15-0, 15-1. The volleyball team will take on MEC rival Benton High School Thursday night. The Cardinals beat the 'Hounds Sept. 14.





JASON MYERS/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Freshman midfielder Reba Korthanke advances the ball in a practice drill Tuesday. The 'Cats suffered losses to the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Central Missouri State University and will face Graceland College Thursday at 3 p.m.

## Bearcat soccer team hopes to recover weekend losses

By MATT SEVART  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The women's soccer team, suffering from injuries and a three-game losing streak, hopes to bounce back Thursday with a win over Graceland College.

The 'Cats, sporting a 2-4 record, need to focus on getting the ball up to the offense and putting it in the back of the net, head coach Joann Wolf said.

"I don't believe we are transitioning from defense to offense very well," Wolf said.

"We are so defense oriented, and you can't sustain that kind of pressure for 90 minutes. We can't have a team come at our defense 100 times and expect them to stop it every time."

The 'Cats were shut out Thursday against University of Nebraska-Omaha, 2-0, followed by another loss on Sunday to Central Missouri State University, 5-1.

In Sunday's game, the Jennies

came out hot, and the 'Cats could not come back. Sophomore midfielder Jenni Hayes scored Northwest's lone goal off an assist from freshman forward Janel Wegehaupt.

"Our goal keeper was not on her game," Wolf said. "They got two quick, but we answered back with one, and we were in the game. They got one more fluke goal, and it was hard for the girls to come back after that."

Wolf said the women need to come out ready to play and get things started when the game begins.

"When our team begins a game it does not seem like we are in it until 15 minutes into the game," she said.

"We need to find a remedy for this. We need to come out when the whistle blows and be midgame ready, but I just think this is a sign of a young team."

In the last four games, the 'Cats

have only scored three goals and this can be attributed to injuries.

"It hurts to have Gara (Bodenhausen) out," Wolf said. "She was starting to come on, and I think she was starting to get the feel of playing with Janel. That really hurts us offensively, and after Gara got hurt things kind of dropped off."

The Bearcat defense is strong but also has its limitations.

"Jennifer Gnefkow, our sweeper, is playing good and working hard, but there is only so much she can sustain on defense," Wolf said. "They are starting to come together as unit in the back and she is a good one to lead them."

The 'Cats match up against Graceland College at 3 p.m. Thursday at home.

This weekend the women will be away at Missouri Southern State College on Saturday and at the University of Missouri-Rolla on Sunday.

## Spoofhounds place 2nd, 3rd at home competition

By JUSTIN BUSH  
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Maryville Spoofhound cross country team took advantage of its only home meet of the year.

The 'Hounds played host to the second annual Maryville Invitational Tuesday at Mozingo Lake.

"We started this meet last year because some of the parents were suggesting to Tom Adams, the athletic director that we should have at least one home meet a year," head coach Ron Eckerson said.

Junior Justin Nickerson helped lead the 'Hounds to a second-place team finish as he finished second individually with a time of 19:24.

For the girls, senior Melissa Myers helped pave the way to a third-place team finish with a time of 23:52 giving her an eighth-place finish overall.

"It was just a fine night to run," Eckerson said. "The weather was beautiful and it was nice to have a lot more of the parents there to help cheer the kids on."

Having the home-course advantage was helpful.

"We went out and ran the course a couple of times this week," Eckerson said. "I think the teams were happy with their performances. This was not a flat course, it had a lot of ups and downs. When you know where the little dips and holes in the course are it plays to your advantage."

After running five meets in the past two weeks the 'Hounds have a much needed nine days of rest.

"We are going to cut back a little this next week," Eckerson said. "Some of the kids are dealing with minor injuries. They'll have a day off on Monday because of teachers' conferences. That will give the kids a chance to rest."

### Varsity girls' times

Melissa Myers	8th	23:52
Heather Robertson	10th	23:59
Carla Sutton	15th	21:42
Jennifer Heller	17th	25:42
Malone Jones	19th	29:54

### Varsity boys' times

Justin Nickerson	2nd	19:24
Paul Wilms	15th	21:42
Adam Messner	16th	23:03
Spencer Martin	25th	24:39
Travis Turner	29th	28:06

## MHS linksters prepare for district competition

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

In what has been a potent stretch for a young squad, the Maryville girls' golf team ended the regular season by winning two-straight conference matches.

The Fairview Course in St. Joseph will be the center of attention for 14 teams including the Spoofhounds for districts starting 9 a.m. Friday.

"This is what we have been preparing for all season, so this is the time for us to play our best golf," head coach Pat Turner said.

The Spoofhounds are no stranger to Fairview, already playing on the course several times this year.

"This is a very top-shape course with temporary green holes that have not been repaired since the beginning of the season, but it will still be a fair test," Benton head coach Ron Starks said.

It has been another busy week for the 'Hounds. After competing in the Central Tournament on Monday, the team played host to its final conference match of the year against Benton.

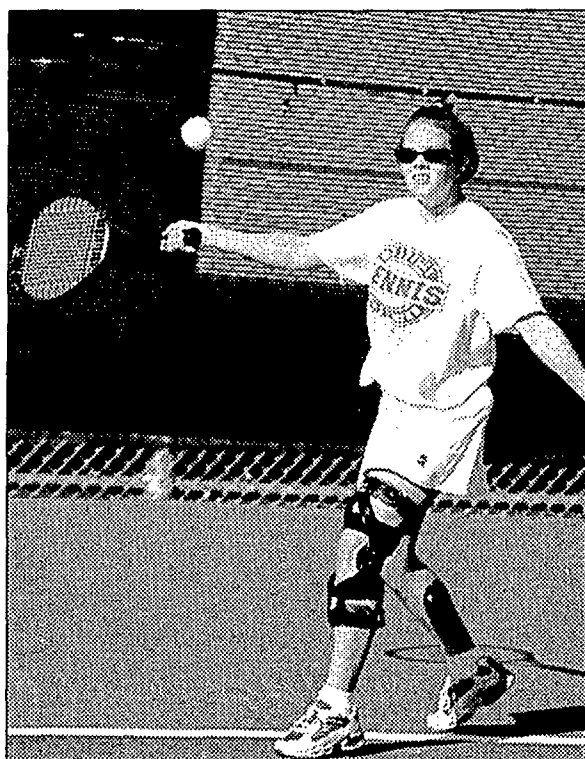
Maryville was successful against Benton in a 200-246 victory. Freshman Abby Jelavich and sophomore Erin McLaughlin tied as the medalists in the meet with a score of 48. Sophomore Natalie Billings was two strokes behind the medalists with a 50.

"We played very good today," Turner said. "This was good preparation for what is coming up in districts."

The 'Hounds ended the regular season with a 8-5 overall record and a 6-2 record in the Midland Empire Conference.

## Netters get ready to close campaign

By BLAKE DREHLE  
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR



HEIDI FLOERSCH/MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
Senior Emily Jackson returns a serve Tuesday against Benton. Jackson lost her singles match 6-0. The 'Hounds begin districts 9 a.m. Thursday at the Noyes Center in St. Joseph

For a season full of mostly downs, the Maryville girls' tennis team has come on strong lately and is making matches closer than it appears.

This is a benefit for the Spoofhounds, who enter districts 9 a.m. Thursday at the Noyes Center in St. Joseph.

"We are getting better as the season grows, and there are a lot of little things that have been improved," head coach P.K. Krokstrom said.

Senior Malinda Allen said districts will not be any easier than what the team has gone through this year, but she is eager to play.

"I have been on a roll as of late, and I am excited to go," Allen said. "I have improved dramatically as the season has progressed, and I feel things may turn out good."

Districts will be difficult for the 'Hounds with top guns like Chillicothe and Savannah doubles' teams aiming to take control, Krokstrom said.

Hosting their final two matches, the 'Hounds could not overcome their slump year, losing to the Lafayette Fighting Irish on

Monday and to the Benton Cardinals on Tuesday.

The match against the Irish was played in a cold atmosphere, and Krokstrom attributed this to the 'Hounds losing all their matches.

"It was a real cold one. We weren't ready to play in such cold weather," Krokstrom said. "We wanted to get the match done more than we wanted to play it."

The team played host to the Cardinals Tuesday, losing 6-3.

In singles matches, No. 1 senior Deserae Allen lost a 6-1 decision while No. 2 Emily Jackson was blanked 6-0. No. 3 junior Abby Howell was beaten 6-3 as well as No. 4 Malinda Allen. Senior Carrie Grahl was the only 'Hound netter triumphant in her match, winning 8-6. No. 6 junior Christina Rusco finished things off in singles play with a 6-1 loss.

The doubles matches went better for the 'Hounds as the No. 2 team of Jackson and Howell and the No. 3 team of Allen and Rusco were victorious with 6-3 and 6-2 wins, respectively. The No. 1 doubles match of Deserae Allen and Grahl could not get enough momentum to win their match, being defeated 5-4.

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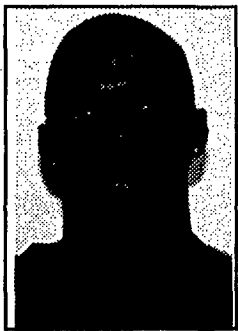
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Tony Miles

**Bearcat junior wide receiver**  
notched 314 all-purpose yards in Saturday's game, scored 3 touchdowns, had 5 kickoff returns for 114 yards, 2 punt returns for 85 yards, including a 78-yard return for a touchdown

**Spoofhound senior pitcher**  
threw 12k's, and gave up 2 walks and 2 hits in the 'Hounds first district win also threw the only no-hitter in 'Hound history earlier in the year in a win against Jefferson



Lindsey Hill



# At Your Leisure

## Criminals, Homecoming mocked

This week I'd like to salute former Millikan Hall Director Crystal McEnroe for being my choice for Northwest's felon of the month. Go, Bearcats!

What is going on around here lately? There may just be a bit more truth in the "must be in the water" statement than I first thought.

Maryville prosecuting attorney David Baird has to be exhausted after the parade of criminals Northwest has managed to produce in the last year. Is anyone out there beginning to lose sleep over this?

Let's take inventory of some of our finer success stories. We've seen credit card fraud, armed robbery, drug trafficking, illegal weapons possession and murder.

I'm betting you don't see these little gems pop up in next year's recruitment magazine; however, I heard a few gang members from south-central Los Angeles applied for scholarships. Maybe that would account for the high enrollment numbers this year.

In other news, the smell of unemployed alumni is in the air which can mean only one thing: Homecoming is around the corner.

Yes, Homecoming, the annual excuse for Greek society to drop all academic responsibility and clear their week for pumping. I love it.

Every year you'll hear an instructor berating some coed about a low



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test score or her poor attendance in class. It's just about then that the water-works kick in as our little princess pleads for forgiveness. You see, it's her evil sorority sisters who are working her poor little fingers to the bone as they pretty-up their 5,000-foot replica of Bobby Bearcat flying around a globe made of 2-by-4's and staples. That's why she couldn't be in class.

One has to begin to wonder about the decision making process in the minds of people like these. They actually prefer to sit in a giant tin shed, ankle-deep in mud at 3 a.m. wrapping tissue paper around their fingers and dipping them into a vat of white, caramelized mystery goo, using only the moon and a car dome light to see, rather than type, a paper. I wonder where pumping fits on the résumé?

Still, each year our collegiate world ceases as Greeks tirelessly race

at the 11th hour to provide a reason for independent students to stand on the square on parade morning and whine about Homecoming being exclusively Greek.

Listen, Eggbert, when you and your cyborg, transvestite, Star Trek fanclub brethren decide to mobilize from behind your computers and assemble a float, we'll talk. Until then, grab some Schnapps and hot chocolate and enjoy the show.

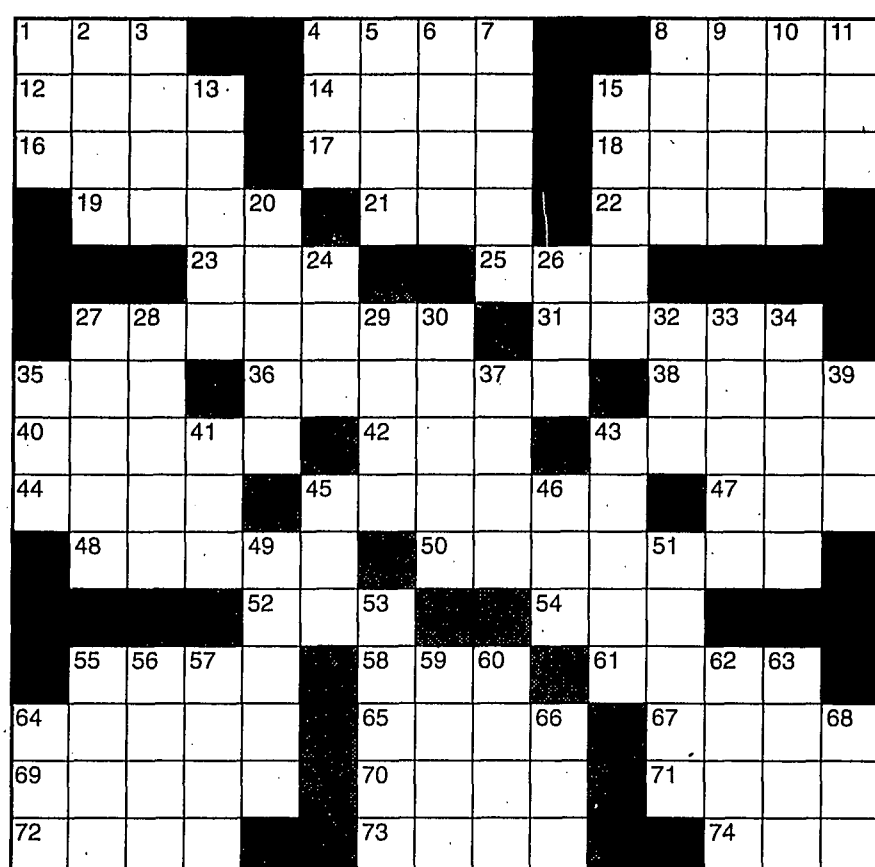
Speaking of shows, the other central event of this magical week is the Variety Show. I understand this year they've chosen four, yes, four, hosts. Hell, why stop at four? Why not invite the audience to take turns doing the job. Odds are it couldn't be much less entertaining.

As for the skits, I'm always on the edge of my seat awaiting the fraternity who cleverly works Cathy, the Union employee, into its act. Boys, it was novel once; get a new bit. And now that fraternities are coupled with sororities, there should be no reason to see Delta Chis in wigs and miniskirts, using balloons as breasts. My money is riding on it happening anyway.

That's all for this week. You're wasting good float decoration time. Get pumping!

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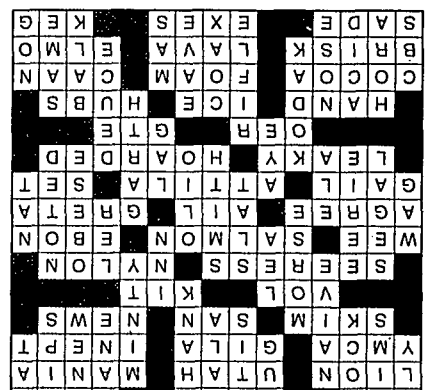


### ACROSS

1. Average
4. Emotional shock
8. Virginia of tennis
12. Cowardly visitor to Oz
14. Jazz home
15. Excessive excitement
16. Huge hit for the Village People
17. "Cliff Dwellings" (national monument)
18. Not competent
19. Milk
21. Japanese term of respect
22. Part of CNN
23. au-vent
25. Toolbox
27. Cassandra, e.g.
31. Du Pont discovery of 1935
35. Petite
36. Sockeye or chinook
38. Made of a hard, heavy wood
40. Act in harmony
42. Have the vapors
43. Actress Garbo
44. Author Godwin
45. Hun leader
47. Salon offering
48. Not watertight
50. Emulated a miser

### DOWN

2. Layer
3. Purposes
4. Little
5. Amos of baseball
6. Refrain syllables
7. Express gratitude
8. Lesson
9. Once again
10. Tango moves
11. Feast
13. Wet behind the ears
15. Like juleps
20. Telegraph inventor
24. Meadow
26. "The Album" (Browning)
27. Sculptor George



28. Unearthly
29. Venetian blind part
30. Metalworker
32. Celtic sea god
33. Scale-tipping
34. Recorded
35. Tall movement
37. Mixture
39. Natalie's "Unforgettable" collaborator
41. Guido's note
43. Media-man David
45. Nautical assent
46. Dawdle
49. Big employer in Rochester
51. Tennis term

52. Opposite of 'neath
54. ATT competitor
55. Thing on 'The Addams Family'
58. Polar feature
61. Centers
64. Winter quaff
65. Beer feature
67. James of "Honeymoon in Vegas"
70. Vesuvius's flow
71. "Sesame Street" character
72. Macabre marquis
73. Alimony payers
74. Tavern unit

## on the edge

The top 13 overused (and most annoying) words of American slang. Like, I totally think we could come up with some other sweet words to use by now, dude.

13. dude (noun) A person

12. sweet (adj.) Good; very good; nice

11. totally (adv.) very

10. whack/whacked (adj.) Boring; ugly; messed up; bad

9. What's up? (int.) Greeting: hi

8. like (int.) No real meaning; just a filler

7. cool (adj.) Good; very good; excellent

6. chill/chill out (verb) To relax

5. my bad (phrase) My fault; my mistake (implies apology)

4. chill/chill out (verb) To relax

3. trip/trip out/tripppin' (verb) To act crazy and/or overemotional; to overreact; to worry excessively

2. swell (adj.) Good; very good; great

1. groovy (adj.) Good; very good; excellent

Check out the Top 20 College Slang Terms of 1998 at <http://www.intranet.csupomona.edu/~jasanders/slang/top20.html>

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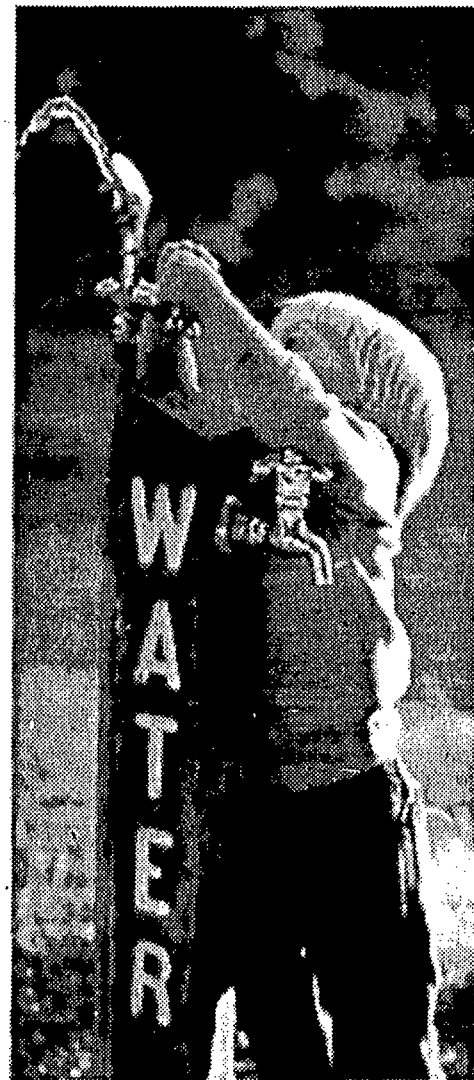
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# Bearcats take top spot in conference, take on rival Griffons

By MARK HORNICKE  
MANAGING EDITOR

One of Northwest's most intense football rivalries will be re-kindled this weekend in St. Joseph.

The Bearcats will travel to Missouri Western State College for a 6 p.m. contest Saturday at Spratt Stadium.

"They circle us on their schedule, and we circle them on our schedule," junior offensive lineman Andy Erpelding said. "Even if both of us hadn't won a game all year, it would still be a huge game. It's a half-hour away and the stadium will be packed. There's going to be just as many people from Maryville as there is from St. Joe. We'll both be ready to play."

The Griffons, who stand at 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the MIAA, lost 31-6 at Pittsburg State University Saturday.

Meanwhile the No. 7-ranked Bearcats come into the game with a record of 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the conference.

After a 42-32 victory over Truman State University Saturday, the 'Cats hope to improve and stay ahead of their conference opponents.

"With Western getting beat, we're the only undefeated team in the MIAA," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "That's big. I don't want to downplay the Hickory Stick, because that's important too. But it's really important for us to keep this thing going and keep on top of the conference."

Offensively, Missouri Western is the most balanced team the 'Cats have faced, Tjeerdsma said.

"(Sophomore) Kasey Waterman is a great quarterback and he does a great job of running their offense," Tjeerdsma said. "They have two good running backs in (junior Mike) Connaker and (junior Ahmad) Jackson, and they have some really good receivers. Their offensive line does a good job of protecting Waterman and giving them seams to run through."

For the defense, the goal will be to take control of the line of scrimmage.

"I think the key to stopping Western is to establish the line and stop the run, and then force them to have to pass," senior defensive end Alan Buckwalter said. "Get



Junior receiver Tony Miles makes a diving catch in Saturday's 42-32 victory against Truman State. Miles earned MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors, averaging 20.9 yards every time he touched the ball.

pressure on the quarterback and make him make mental mistakes."

The Griffons' defensive line will present a challenge for the 'Cats offense to move the ball consistently, Erpelding said.

"They have a very good defensive line — probably one of the better ones we've seen," he said. "They're going to be trying to put pressure on Travis (Miles, junior quarterback) just like anyone else. They'll try and rattle him, and get him out of his game. We'll do pretty good protecting him, and the running game should open the passing game for us."

The 'Cats are hoping to increase the intensity level and improve from Saturday's game against Truman State Bulldogs, whose record slipped to 1-4.

"I think we thought the hay is in the barn and we can wind her down a little early," Tjeerdsma said. "Those things catch you. We're fortunate to get out with a win. Hopefully, we'll learn from this. I was hoping (University of Nebraska-Omaha) would be the only learning experience we needed."

The 'Cats retained the Hickory Stick for the fourth consecutive season after a hard-fought victory at Rickenbrode Stadium.

Truman State shocked Northwest on the first play of the game as sophomore quarterback Eric Howe connected with sophomore receiver Kevin Collins on an 80-yard bomb for a touchdown.

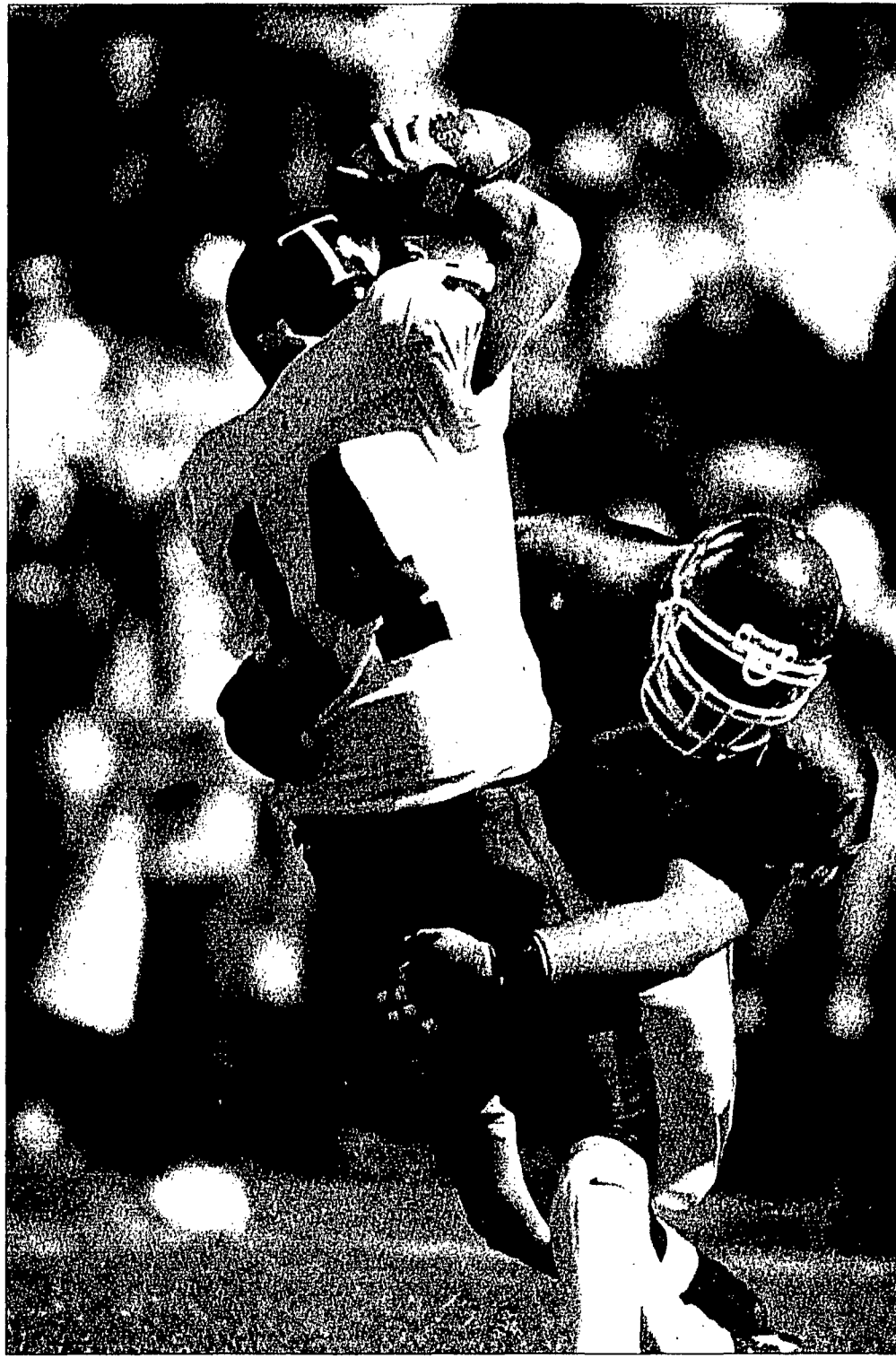
The 'Cats came back with touchdowns by junior receiver Tony Miles and senior running back David Jansen to take a 14-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The two teams traded touchdowns, before Northwest put the game away as the Bulldogs were forced to punt in the fourth quarter. Miles scored his third touchdown of the day on a 78-yard punt return, making it 42-26. Eventually, Truman State blocked a punt which lead to the final score.

Jansen racked up 200 yards on 24 carries to lead the Northwest offense, while Tony Miles made seven catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns, in addition to his punt return.

Tony Miles' performance earned him MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors.

"It's an honor for me," Miles said. "It's another trophy that goes on my mom's wall. It shows that we have guys on our team that can play with the best in the league. When you have it, it's a great feeling."

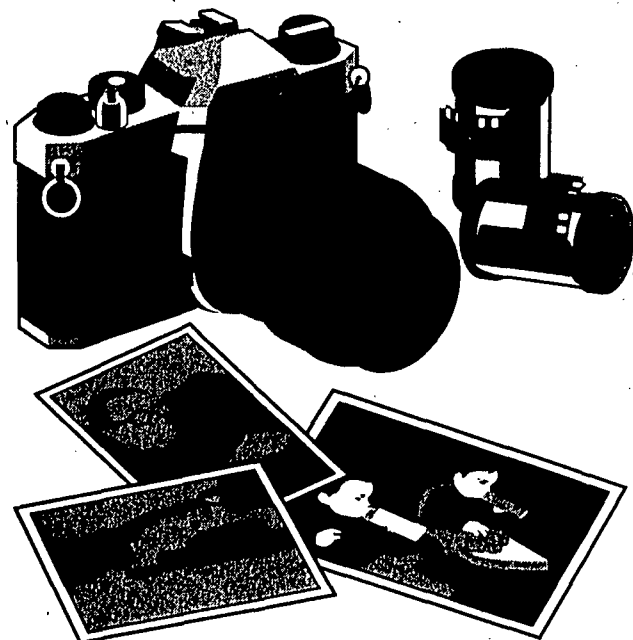


Senior defensive end Matt Voge sacks Truman State sophomore quarterback Eric Howe for a 7-yard loss. Northwest beat the Bulldogs for the fourth consecutive year and retained the Old Hickory Stick. The annual game is the oldest trophy game in NCAA Division II football.

## NCAA Division-II top 20

1. Carson-Newman (Tenn.), 5-0
2. Northern Colorado, 5-0
3. Central Oklahoma, 4-0
4. Slippery Rock (Pa.), 4-1
5. Nebraska-Omaha, 5-0
6. Tuskegee (Ala.), 4-0
7. Northwest, 4-1
8. California-Davis, 4-1
9. Fort Valley State (Ga.), 5-0
10. Indiana (Pa.), 3-1
11. Pittsburg State (Kan.), 4-1
12. Michigan Tech, 4-0
13. North Dakota, 4-0
14. Eastern New Mexico, 4-1
15. Southern Arkansas, 4-1
16. North Dakota State, 4-1
17. New Haven (Conn.), 3-2
18. Millersville (Pa.), 3-1
19. Delta State (Miss.), 3-1
20. Chadron State (Nebr.), 3-1

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